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Title: Throne of God and Fear of The Lord

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Father, we thank you for your word today. We thank you for undergirding it from start to finish and for imparting to our souls what we need to hear, from words of encouragement, to tongues, to prophecy, to songs of the Lord, through our own heartbeat, and between the person and God. Thank you that you have heard all. We pray that you receive all the glory, honor, and praise. We do love you, Lord. We do adore you, Lord. We thank you that you have given us access to the throne of grace, through your blood, and beyond the veil. We desire to know the thoughts and intents of your heart, Lord. We desire to accomplish your purposes that you have planned for each and every one of us. From the eldest to the youngest, we are yours, Lord. We adore you and love you, Father. I thank you that praise and worship is not just one morning a week, but it is an attitude of heart every day. I pray that your Bride, your beautiful Church, would continue to worship you, literally day and night, night and day. In Jesus' name, amen.

Hallelujah, I want to encourage everybody in the spirit of the Fear of the Lord. We know that for Jesus, His greatest delight was the Fear of the Lord, according to Isaiah.

Isaiah 11:2-5

Out of the fullness of Holy Spirit, Jesus' greatest delight was the Fear of the Lord. If He had not had the spirit of the Fear of the Lord, He would not have been able to accomplish what the Father asked Him to do. He is the Firstborn of all of us. He is the One that is going ahead of us. He is our Lord and King and Master. If His delight was the Fear of the Lord, then the Body of Christ's delight should be the Fear of the Lord. If we are of Him, we are deeply rooted in and with Him. We have been born again through Him. For every individual in the body of Christ, their greatest delight should be the Fear of the Lord. We have done great studies on it. We have read every scripture about it, but the reality is, the word testifies of the Fear of the Lord. That is the reality of where we have to take our stand literally every single day to submit to God. There is a scripture in James that says, "submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you." But if you do not fear God, he is not going anywhere, right?

The Fear of the Lord is clean and pure. He is holy. Sometimes people can make it into some legalistic, horrible, downcast bondage. Where you cannot even move, because you are so afraid that God is going to strike you down for something. That is what religion can speak. But, you need to know that according to Acts chapter five, there was Ananias and Sapphira, who died because they lied to the Holy Ghost. It says, "great fear came upon" the entire church after that. You have to know the goodness and the severity of the Lord. But, we cannot take that for granted. When we sing about the spirit of the Fear of the Lord, this is the very foundation of His throne.

Psalms 45:6

Psalms 89:14

We encourage all the time that in throne room worship, you must go before Him, praising Him for who He is. Not for what you need or for anything else, but praising Him for who He is. That is what is really going down in Heaven.

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You have read this before. We could read it every Sunday, until we start believing it, living it, and doing it. We have all eternity to do this. That is what everyone was singing about this morning and testifying of in words of encouragement.

Revelation 4:8-11

This is where you are hearing the “day and night, night and day.” These are the ones that are directly surrounding the throne, and they say “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him.” Notice John said, “glory and honor and thanks to Him.” What did the creatures around the throne have to do with thanksgiving? They are in Heaven. They do not have to say, “thank you, God, you healed my foot or you paid my light bill.” You know what I am saying? They do not even have to say “thank you that you redeemed us from sin.” Why are they thanking God? Think about it? These are holy beings, created for one purpose, to surround His very throne to worship Him for who He is. Yes, they were formed and fashioned for this. “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty who was and is, and is to come, and they give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever.”

Revelation 4:9-11

You see the omnipotence there and the glory of God. Everyone that draws near to God has to say this. You cannot approach a holy God and not bow and not give reverence and honor and glory to Him. Amen. He is our Father. Jesus said, “My Father is your Father.” We are able to see that God is our Father, but He is the Lord God Almighty, of whom it says, “Your throne O God is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.” This is the very foundation of the core belief of the Christian faith of who He is.

Revelation 5:9-10

It is amazing! This is what we are talking about. This is throne room worship.

Revelation 5:11-14

You hear? This should be the attitude of our heart. This is something the Holy Spirit continues to encourage us in with our worship and our praise. It is where it all starts, in the Fear of the Lord. If not for Jesus Christ, where would we be? We have so much to be thankful for. He has given us eternal life. Hallelujah!

If you were caught up as John was, to see this... I mean, Jesus could have told Him all about this when He was with him in person. But, the Spirit took John up into Heaven to see this, for a reason and to teach us, to exhort us, and to show us what is going on. We had prophets all through the Old Testament, that were taken up before the throne of God.

You say, “I have never been there.” Well, read the word and go there. Because, when you read the word, and you enter into this promise, all of a sudden the Spirit of God enters you. Your spirit man comes up front and center in these passages. You find yourself before the throne of God singing the same song. If the Holy Ghost comes to you and catches you up, takes you to heaven, or you have a vision, encounter, or a dream, that is the Holy Ghost. He is trying to bring you in, before the throne of God, so you can encounter Him and know Him. “His Word is truth. He is not a man that He should lie.”

It is all of us worshiping Him. Yes, many tribes, nations, tongues and peoples. Hallelujah! All you have to do is set your gaze towards Him. The Scripture is full of who He is, but you know who He is to you. That is the highest form of your worship, because you know who He is to you. You know what He has done for you. You know what pit He pulled you out of. You know that He knows what you have been through. He knows your story. Yes! When you go before the

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throne of grace, the throne above all thrones, where righteousness and justice rule from and through Him, then mercy and truth is going out through Him to you. We are literally joining with all of Heaven. We just have to change the way we are thinking. Renewing the spirit of our mind. We set ourselves apart to God, in that time of reading the word and worship during the day. Set your heart towards Him right there. The Spirit knows where you have set your feet. You will say, "It was so good with me and God today. I felt like I was right there with Him." You know why? Because, you were! You say, "Well, I didn't see any creatures, angels, or elders." Did you see Him? Did you hear Him? Did you feel His love for you? Did you smell Him? Did you recognize the sound that is coming from Him? That is that realm of the Spirit.

He wants that in every individual. The little children can lead the way. It is just a simple thing to do. The Lord receives their praise. They do not know anything about the scriptures yet. But a child will praise God, even from the womb, correct? It is all about changing their focus to Him, at every turn. That is what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. We must have and move and operate under, in, through, and with Jesus, in the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. When you fear the Lord first, all the other fears bow, correct?

Romans 14:11

Listen to this, "For it is written, 'As I live says the Lord. Every knee shall bow to Me. Every tongue shall confess to God.'" Hear this. Now, I want you to hear that statement in the middle of these next two chapters.

Romans 14:1-23

Romans 15:1-33

This is a minister of the gospel. He is just doing life with people. This was a letter to Rome and to the Romans. Those Christians in Rome, heathens and Gentiles, you understand? There is this battle going on for the Jews that have been converted from the law *through faith, regarding* what is clean and unclean. What we eat, and what we do not eat. What we touch, and what we do not touch, you understand? There are offenses that are developing as these new believers come to Christ. There are offenses that the Jews still had with the Gentiles coming to Christ. He is just in the middle of life, with daily offenses, right? Anybody ever had their toes stepped on? If you are human, you have. If you are alive and breathing, you have stepped on somebody's toes as well, right?

Romans 14:10-11

He is weaving this saga and story. Then in the middle of that, Paul says, "Why do you judge your brother? Why do you show contempt for your brother, for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ?" How does this get in the middle of that discussion? Then Paul goes on, because it is written, "As I live, says, The Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So, then each of us shall give account of himself to God."

Wow, "that got right in the middle of my business, of my offense." It may not be because she eats bologna and I do not. It could be over anything. You know how it works. But, the Spirit of Truth is coming through to show you what it looks like. Paul then continues on talking about the Kingdom, righteousness, and what Christ has done. How to not destroy one another because of your offenses, of idle works, or food and drink, or clothes. Everyone is growing in God.

The Word of God is the one that will cause the most offense. When I say, "Fear God, and keep His commandments," the flesh is offended. When I pray for the nation, it is about that one

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verse. I pray they will, “Fear God, and keep His commandments.” All leaders may borrow this *prayer* if you want.

“Fear God, and keep His commandments, and repent while there is still time.” That will work, because if people do not fear God, there is no repentance. In repentance, we are granted the ability to fear God. Thank you, Jesus, for the grace of God. When the Lord Jesus came to Saul of Tarsus, there was some fear of the Lord there. Right, Saul was not talking back. Jesus had come, and it converted that man's soul. Saul would have never thought he would be talking to a bunch of Gentile heathen people, because he was committed to the Jews, you understand? What an offense.

The biggest offense is the cross of Christ. That Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God, would choose to obey the Father in the Fear of the Lord and die on a cross to save us heathens and the family of God, the Jews. What an offense. This is all scripture I am telling you. We have to fear God, and keep His commandments. Know that right in the middle of this, He is going to deal with the spirit and stronghold of offense. Where are you offended? Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are not offended because of Me.” We have been offended by the word before. You know, when you read it, and you say, “Oh, Lord,” when it gets you right there. First you might get a little “puffed up.” You might get just a little irritated thinking “I do not want to read or see that right now. Because, you are telling me to forgive, and that is the last thing I want to do!” He goes through this and demonstrated it perfectly.

Jesus did it perfectly. So, we can do this. Because, without Him it is impossible. “But without faith, it is impossible to please God.” We have to have faith. He put faith in the middle of this passage. He put glory, honor, blessing and worship before the throne in these passages. He exhorted the believers in these practical things, and it is hard for them. In the middle of all this, the main thing, is the main thing. It is written says the Lord, “Every knee shall bow to Me. Every tongue shall confess to God.” *We say*, “Thank God, my sins are under the blood. He has removed them, as far as the east is from the west.” He put that in the middle of life.

You say, “I do not want to worry about right now. I am not there yet.” Well, you will be. If you do not have that Fear of the Lord now, you need to get it today. There is something out there called “cheap grace,” which is an apostasy that wars against the truth. Truth itself will offend many. Jesus even said that in Matthew 24:10, “Many will be offended.” They are especially going to be offended with the truth. “Thy word is truth,” and they do not want to hear it. They will cover their ears and run out screaming.

Jesus Christ died for you and He loves you. Even when *people* are barricaded in their own sin, thinking they are not worthy and have fallen so short of the glory of God, they can be offended at His offer of grace to save them. But thank you, Jesus, for the love that pierces through hearts. So, I am exhorting you today as we have taken this journey. I want you to hear this. I want you to examine yourself with these passages. Don't let it just be about food or drink. Let the Lord search your hearts *regarding* offenses, being offended, wounded, bitter, prideful, arrogant, or hardhearted. Let Him search your heart. Evil is evil, but run to the throne.

That is where we have have to be as His Church right now. Before His throne, where the eyes of the Lord have come straight through, from Him to us. He is going to pour into His house, His government, and into His Church, not only for the fivefold ministers, helps, and government, but into the saints individually. So that we, “as one,” can gather around Him to give Him the glory due His name. I encourage you to read these two chapters, and all the way through the whole book if you want. Romans is an amazing account of the gospel of Jesus Christ, amen.

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Let's stand. He is speaking, and I am listening. We give you all the glory, honor, and praise Lord. I pray, Father, that you would anoint us to have an ear to hear this. We bind the spirit of offense and being offended, that would cause discord, hate, strife and division amongst your people. Father, loose the spirit of grace, graciousness, kindness, and goodness. Lord, you grant repentance. Bring the reality of the spirit of the Fear of the Lord in this day. May your people run to the throne to worship you for who you are God. May the nations fear God, keep His commandments, and repent before it is too late. We thank you God. We do not boast, but in that you have granted us this great salvation. We will worship. We will praise you, and we will thank you. Not a moment goes by that our heart is not attentive to the grace and the love that you poured out for us to save us. God, use us to heal others, to save others, and to deliver others. Mature us Lord and set us on fire. We love you Lord. In Jesus' name, amen. Amen. God bless you guys.