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What Does It Mean To Fear The Lord

I write to you this month with warnings and teachings from the Holy Ghost that you may listen getting understanding and wisdom gaining knowledge. The secret for peace, love and joy in the life of a Christian is obeying the sayings of Jesus Christ, and obeying all of the Word of God and finding and doing the will of the Father in heaven. ***Psalms 119:1-8** **1** Happy are people of integrity, who follow the law of the LORD. **2** Happy are those who obey his decrees and search for him with all their hearts. **3** They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. **4** You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. **5** Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your principles! **6** Then I will not be disgraced when I compare my life with your commands. **7** When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should! **8** I will obey your principles. Please don't give up on me!* (NLT) They have learned to fear the Lord.

In my prayer closet this day March 8 2006 I heard the Lord speak:—Behold, I make all things new. With paper and pen I began to write what the Lord spoke and more followed.

“Behold, I make all things new the heavens, the earth and man. With man it is by his choices as to whether he is made new or to suffer the second death. John, I have taught and I have had you write about Salvation Their Own Way, Once Saved Always Saved, Don't Be Deceived and many other such truths to give My children understanding about the narrow path, who the truth is and of being born of the Spirit. They have listened not forging ahead in their flesh causing their names to be erased from the book of life. My word is truth. Continue to teach man My truths from My word as I have taught you from the book of Revelation.”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ how much longer will you fear the Lord by the precept of man? How much longer will you claim to obey Christ by what you have been taught by man and the denominational church that hired him? ***Isaiah 29: 13** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.* (KJV)

What were some of the warnings Moses gave to the Israelites in Deuteronomy before they entered the Promised Land? The Israelites received these warnings from the Lord that were given to Moses that they may fear the Lord. ***Deuteronomy 6:2** That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.* (KJV)

Deuteronomy 6:24-25 **24** And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. **25** And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us. (KJV)

Deuteronomy 8:6 **6** Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. (KJV) I have included a small sample of scriptures from the Word of God. There are over 140 locations when one does a word search on “fear and Lord” from Genesis to Revelation. We must understand what it means to fear the Lord from the Word of God otherwise we fear the Lord by the precept of men.

We must understand that we are to be taught to fear the Lord not from the precept of men but by the Lord himself from His word the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Deuteronomy 17:19-20** **19** He must always keep this copy of the law with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will **learn** to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of this law. **20** This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. This will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel. (NLT) **Deuteronomy 31:12** Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, **that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:** (KJV)

What happen to Israel when they feared not the Lord their God even though they saw His miracles before their very eyes? **Deuteronomy 28:58-68** **58** If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD THY GOD;** **59** Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. **60** Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. **61** Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. **62** And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. **63** And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. **64** And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou

shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. 65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: 66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: 67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you. (KJV) Israel did not fear the Lord or obey his commands and the Lord carried out all these warnings upon the children of Israel. What we must remember is that God changes not. If we call ourselves Christians but fear not the Lord or obey not his commands will not these things or similar things happen to us?

Paul warns us in 1 Corinthians chapter 10 not to forget what happen to Israel in the wilderness when they disobeyed the Lord their God and God was not well pleased. To remember their dying in the wilderness not being allowed to enter into their day of rest was examples for us. Paul warned us not to be like them. Don't be idolaters, don't commit fornication, don't let us temp Christ and don't murmur. We cannot eat or drink from the Lord's Table and the table of evil at the same time. Later Paul said in *1 Corinthians 11:1* *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (KJV)*

I ask you, what is the fear of the Lord? Unless we have found the answer in the Word of God, we will fail to come into wisdom and the understanding of God's kingdom being disobedience having our names erased from the book of life. You say how can my name be erased from the book of life? That will be shown in the Revelation but first let us come into the understanding of what the fear of the Lord means. The fear of the Lord is explained precisely without any doubt of miss interpretation in *Proverbs 8:13* *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. (KJV)* If the King James is confusing in the words arrogancy and the forward mouth, then here is another translation. *Proverbs 8: 13 All who fear the LORD will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech. (NLT)* If we have been taught falsely by the precept of men of what evil is and we live our lives without repentance or fall back into our old ways after confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, then how can we fear the Lord? Without fear of the Lord how can we gain knowledge and wisdom to accept by faith the message of Jesus Christ that will save our souls? *Proverbs 1:7* *The fear of the LORD is the*

beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (KJV)
Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. (KJV)*

Proverbs chapter 8 is all about wisdom calling out to all who will listen from all places. Proverbs chapter 8 describes when wisdom was born, what wisdom loves and hates, that wisdom causes kings and princes to degree justice and by wisdom princes rule. Wisdom loves those that love wisdom and by seeking wisdom early wisdom will find us. Those that love wisdom will find substance in this world and their treasures both physically and spiritually will be filled. Whoever finds wisdom finds life and wins approval from the Lord. But who sins against wisdom wrongs their soul and whoever hates wisdom loves death.
Proverbs 8:32-33 **32** *"And so, my children, listen to me, for happy are all who follow my ways. 33 Listen to my counsel and be wise. Don't ignore it. (NLT)*

Proverbs chapter 1 teaches wisdom called out often and wisdom's advice was ignored and rejected. Then when trouble overtakes us and we are engulfed by trouble, anguish and distress, wisdom will not answer us when we cry for help. Why will wisdom not answer or be found, because we hated knowledge and chose not to fear the Lord. It is by our choices, our obedience, and our hunger for the truth that we come to fear the Lord thereby saving our souls. **Proverbs 1:32-33** **32** *For they are simpletons who turn away from me--to death. They are fools, and their own complacency will destroy them. 33 But all who listen to me will live in peace and safety, unafraid of harm."* (NLT)

Proverbs chapter 9 teaches wisdom built a spacious house with seven pillars, prepared a great banquet and invited everyone to come. By feasting with wisdom, we will become wise leaving our foolish ways behind and begin to live for righteousness. Becoming wise we will benefit but if we scorn wisdom we will suffer.

Who is wisdom that is talked about and described in the book of Proverbs and where does wisdom come from? Again the answer is in the Word of God. Wisdom comes from God as described in **James 3:13-18** **13** *If you are wise and understand God's ways, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don't brag about the good you do, then you will be truly wise! 14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your hearts, don't brag about being wise. That is the worst kind of lie. 15 For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and motivated by the Devil. 16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no*

partiality and is always sincere. 18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness. (NLT) Before we answer who wisdom is let us answer what is wisdom. Prov 3:18-19 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. 19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. (KJV) How do Christians receive wisdom from heaven? It is by God's order as explained in John 16:13-15 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (KJV) The Spirit of truth is the Comforter, the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit being Wisdom from heaven. If we have not received wisdom from heaven as commanded by Jesus Christ, we belong to the earth and follow the ruler of the earth being the antichrist the devil who is called by many other names as taught in the Word of God.

If we are not born of the Spirit as taught in the book of Acts with heavenly evidence of speaking in new tongues, we serve God doing salvation our own way. We then follow the example of Israel and the old system of the Law of Moses. *Hebrews 9:10 For that old system deals only with food and drink and ritual washing--external regulations that are in effect only until their limitations can be corrected. (NLT) How can we claim to serve God if we have not received what God promised to us in the New Covenant being the pouring out of His Spirit upon all? Jesus taught these things while speaking to His disciples. John 14:23-26 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV) Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection cleared the way for the Holy Ghost. Jesus had to go to the Father before the Holy Ghost could be sent to all believers. Christ had to die that we may be set free from the penalty of the sins the Israelites committed under the first covenant. For us to stay free after confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we must obey Christ by seeking and waiting for the Holy Ghost to come upon us as commanded by Christ. The book of Acts gives us wisdom and understanding of receiving the Holy Ghost and the evidence that comes with receiving the Holy Ghost by God's order. It is only by the Holy Ghost*

that we can live by the Spirit of the law and not the letter of the law. Heed what Paul wrote to the Galatians. **Galatians 3:2-5** ² *Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ.* ³ *Have you lost your senses? **After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?*** ⁴ *You have suffered so much for the Good News. Surely it was not in vain, was it? **Are you now going to just throw it all away?*** ⁵ *I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law of Moses? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ. (NLT)* If we fail to wait upon the Holy Ghost after believing and confessing Jesus Christ, we sin by disobeying the commands of Christ. With sin in our lives, we can have our name removed from the book of life.

Jesus Christ by His angel was sent to John and John recorded what he saw and heard in the book of Revelation which is and which was and which is to come. The messages John recorded about the churches from Jesus Christ was clear and precise warnings. These warnings were for the churches then, and for the churches now and until Jesus comes for His Church. The warnings for the church in Sardis was: **Revelation 3:1-6** ¹ *And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.* ² *Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.* ³ *Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, **and repent.** If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.* ⁴ *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.* ⁵ *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.* ⁶ *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)*

In verses 2 and 3 in Revelation 3 Jesus spoke this warning: ² *Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.* ³ *Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.* This warning is for a dying church having lost what they had in the beginning and are about to lose what they have left if they refuse to repent. They may have begun in the Spirit but are now in the flesh. Paul wrote in Galatians instructing them to live by the Spirit's power. **Galatians 5:16-23** ¹⁶ *So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you*

won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. **17** *The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.*

18 But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law. **19** *When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure,* **20** *idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group,* **21** *envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. **Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*** **22** But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** *gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.* (NLT)

How do we know we have the Holy Spirit and his power controlling our lives? The answer is in the book of Acts. In Acts Jesus commands us to wait and receive the Holy Ghost and his power. **Acts 1:5-8**

5 *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* **6** *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?* **7** *And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* **8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* (KJV)

This is how we know when we have received power being baptized with the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:4** **4** *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* (KJV) **Acts 10:44-46**

44 *While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.* **45** *And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.* **46** *For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (KJV) **Acts 19:5-6*** **5** *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.* **6** *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.* (KJV)

Look what Jesus said in verses 4 and 5 in Revelation chapter 3: **4** *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and **they shall walk with me in white:** for they are worthy.* **5** *He that overcometh, the same shall*

*be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Only a few in the church in Sardis will walk with Jesus clothed in white raiment. That means not all that attended the church at Sardis would be with Christ because Jesus also said those that walk with Him their name would not be blotted out of the book of life. Who will Jesus confess before the Father and before his angels? Only the few names that have not defiled their garments will be worthy to walk with Jesus. Does not these scriptures convey without a doubt that if we have not wisdom and understanding walking in the flesh and not by the Spirit our name can and will be erased from the book of life. Before John was on the island called Patmos, he walked with Jesus Christ being an apostle. John wrote the teaching of Jesus in **John 4:21-24** **21** *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22* *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23* *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24* **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.** (KJV) Without being born of the Spirit we have not spiritual wisdom and knowledge because we have not received the truth from the Holy Ghost.*

Paul also wrote in Romans chapter 8 that to be carnally minded is death and that being spiritually minded we have life and peace because the carnal mind is enmity against God and never did obey God's law. So those that live in the flesh cannot please God and if we live after the flesh we **shall** die and if we live through the Spirit we mortify the deeds of the body so that we **shall** live. If we are lead by the Spirit, we are sons of God. Paul also taught in Romans chapter 1 that if we don't retain God in our knowledge by the order of God's ways and instructions, God will turn us over to a reprobate mind and do those things which are not convenient (do things that should never be done) committing actions that lead to death.

I pray that as you have read this teaching, which was given to me by the Holy Ghost, that you see more of the light of Jesus Christ and will come further into His perfection being the Christian and the church Jesus has called all of us to be. I leave you with this warning from Jesus Christ in the book of Luke. **Luke 6:46-49** **46** *"So why do you call me 'Lord,' when you won't obey me? 47* *I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then obeys me. 48* *It is like a person who builds a house on a strong foundation laid upon the underlying rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built. 49* *But anyone who listens and doesn't*

obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will crumble into a heap of ruins." (NLT)

Please examine your relationship with Jesus Christ bringing not judgment upon yourself becoming weak, and sick with some dying by honoring the body of Christ unworthily. We can dishonor the body of Christ unworthily with communion while we are in the sin of disobedience. We can dishonor the body of Christ unworthily claiming to be a Christian yet we have never confessed Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We can dishonor the body of Christ unworthily if we enter the straight gate and sit down on the narrow path claiming salvation by faith but never doing the commands of Christ that the book of James calls work. We can dishonor the body of Christ unworthily if the church being the body of Christ does works by the programs of men without Christ as the head being lead by the Holy Spirit. We can dishonor the body of Christ unworthily by fearing the Lord by the precept of men. Repent and learn to fear the Lord by the Word of God and the Holy Ghost by hating all kinds of evil. Fearing the Lord by the precept of men shows love for the evil things of this world being pride, arrogance, corruption, perverted speech and lies. ***Revelation 21:8*** *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (KJV) Amen.*

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