

## *The Fear of God Part 11*

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God speaks and preaches His Word and His commands through the Word of God that He had put in the Bible. He uses men and women who dedicated their lives to serve God to go and preach His Word and make it reach to the end of the world. **We in the same way we need to dedicate ourselves to live our lives to serve God and to bring His Word to the people around us and to those under our care.**

God also declares and speaks His Word through another way, by using the nature of things to proclaim the message and to point out the presence of the living God who is beyond what man can see in the universe. Paul spoke the following about God when he preached the gospel to the people in Lystra: ***“17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” (Acts 14:17 KJV)*** What Paul said here about God that He witnesses and testifies about Himself by doing good things, to all people He created. He gives rain and fruitful seasons of fruits and harvests of crops that fill our hearts with joy as we are filled with good food. So through nature and what God is doing in nature He is speaking with us, and interacting in our lives through various things that He is doing in nature, to direct our thoughts and attention to Him in order to know Him, to acknowledge Him and in order to commit our lives unto Him and start to serve Him.

***“1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” (Psalm 19:1 KJV)*** Heavens and the view of the firmament in Heaven carry a message that there is a living God who created everything. The Heavens declare the glory of God and His majesty over all the wonderful things that He created with His hand. Impossible that man when he looks to the sky and see the stars, the sun and the moon, impossible that he will not be in awe of the sight, and impossible that he will not wonder about the divine nature and about God’s presence behind all of that.

Notice here also that the writer of this *Psalm 19* wrote Heavens and not one Heaven; Solomon spoke about the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain God, ***“27 But will God indeed dwell on the***

***earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?” (1 Kings 8:27 KJV)*** So there are Heavens and not one Heaven. In the New Testament Paul spoke about the third Heaven, the paradise of God as we read here, ***“1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.” (2 Corinthians 12:1-4 KJV)*** So when he wrote about the third Heaven it means there is the first and the second Heaven. So here when man looks to Heavens, he would encounter the glory and the majesty of God and even His power in the salvation of man’s kind as he became aware of the paradise of God. Paradise is the place that God prepared for us to live with Him forever.

***“2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.” (Psalm 19:2 KJV)*** The sight of Heavens speaks in the day and during the night. To the observant of the going and coming of the day and the night in sequence and in perpetuation, he will continually receive the message of the love of God and will continually gain the knowledge that which causes his faith to increase. When you ponder on the Heavens daily you can see the greatness of God, and such will increase your faith on Him.

***“3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” (Psalm 19:3 KJV)*** Such is the language of Heavens, that speaks about the great handywork of God in what He created, and that is the message that went so far and reached all the people of various places and in various languages. The message of the Heavens is not silent but it is heard and well understood to every human being. Yes the Bible needed to be translated to all the languages, but the Heavens are still preaching the gospel to all mankind, day and night and in all their languages and in their different cultures. **Therefore as we watch the Heavens and what God is doing every day in the nature around us, let our faith in God increase and let us further trust on Him and live in obedience to Him.**

***“4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,” (Psalm 19:4 KJV)*** The message of the Heavens going and reaching all the places of the earth; the message of God had covered all the vertical and the horizontal lines of the globe. God had set a house for the sun in Heaven. Therefore the one who looks to Heavens, the sun will be taken as an object that of rule and cannot be missed. The same as the thought of God and His real presence behind all what is created; such fact, God as the Creator cannot be ignored or put aside.

***“5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.” (Psalm 19:5 KJV)*** The sun here is considered as bridegroom. And the thought of bridegroom is that everyone would be looking, focusing and in expectation for him. Jesus is our bridegroom, and we His church, we are expecting Him, waiting for Him to come and take us to be with Him and forever. John the Baptist in speaking about Jesus, He said about Him that He is the bridegroom that John would please to hear His voice as he said, ***“28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth***

*and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.” (John 3:28-29 KJV)*

\* When it says about the sun: *“rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race”*, that is considered a teaching to us that every morning when we wake up from the sleep means a new day, a journey and opportunity to live for God and to serve Him; that we have a task to do and accomplish. We should wake up happy, rejoicing and accepting that we have a task for the day that we need to achieve as the sun. The sun *“rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race”*, therefore we should be healthy in the Spirit to go forward with a strong faith to serve the Lord every day and in every morning.

*“6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.” (Psalm 19:6 KJV)* \* As the sun is going from the one end of the earth, and diligently, step by step over every second, minute and hour till reaching the other end and on time; then we learn that we need to be diligent, persevering in accomplishing the particular assignments that are allocated for us to achieve in that day until the end of the day. \* We learn from the example of the sun that our life is purposeful and even our daily routine work is fruitful and will serve the purpose of God in our lives as long as we had committed our lives to live in the center of His will. \* We learn from the example of the sun is not to be lazy and postponing what we ought to do. \* We learn also that as the sun run on a well decided course, we the same, God had ordained for us a course, a scenario, and a way that we cannot change and do things of our own.

Add to the above mentioned points about how the way God is reaching to every human kind and speak to each and every one about His presence in his or her life, that the Lord speaks more and to every human and emphasis His message to us through His written Word in the Bible.

*“7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.” (Psalm 19:7 KJV)* The Word of God in the Bible and the Bible as book is the only available book that can change and transform the life of the people because the Bible is the Word of God. As you read your Bible to know God more and to draw near to Him you will find that His Word is perfect, no defect in it, and the Bible from cover to cover is the complete and adequate testimony of God. The Word of God is a challenge to you to be changed and transformed, and that is what is meant here by *“converting the soul”*.

*“8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.” (Psalm 19:8 KJV)* To those who delight to follow the Lord they will find that His statutes and commandments, what God wants us to do, are right and bring joy into their lives and they will be enlightened with His pure Word. *The Word of God will give you joy and will enlightened your mind and will show you the way that you ought to go and live.*

*“9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.” (Psalm 19:9 KJV)* Those among us who are moving with the described way, they will draw more near to God by fearing Him. Fearing God will be manifested in the life of the disciples of Jesus when God become the focus and the center of

their lives, thoughts, actions and purposes. Those disciples they will be so keen to take always the right decision and to be in the center of His will.

The judgments of God are the punishment of God upon those who would go astray from His statutes and commandments, and the reward of God upon those who will keep His statutes and commandments. Therefore for the disciples who determined to follow God and walk in the fear of the Lord, their lives will be manifested with the followings:

*A. “10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” (Psalm 19:10 KJV)* They will realize the truthiness of the God’s judgment, and will start to desire it more even than the material things in the world; even more than fine gold; and it will be to them sweeter than the honey and will delight in them. Why for us, the judgment of God will be more desired than the fine gold and more sweat than the honey? Because of the following reason:

*B. “11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.” (Psalm 19:11 KJV)* With the judgments of God we will have warning. *So Every time we read our Bibles we will take warning from God’s Word and we will be fully aware that in keeping them we will be receiving rewards.* Those who fear God you will find them keeping the Word of God alive in their lives in whatever circumstance, pressure, trial, or persecution, and so as consequences of that you will find them rewarded. *Therefore let us adopt this style of life to fear God, to obey His commandments and statutes, and to consider His judgments to avoid the punishments of God, and instead will receive His rewards and His blessings even during the times of trials and persecutions.*

*C. “12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.” (Psalm 19:12 KJV)* They who fear God are humble and acknowledge their sins and easily can be corrected. They will acknowledge that they might err or did wrong and are willing to be cleansed from their secrets faults that are not aware of once it is exposed to them. They desire to live in holiness and will not be keeping sins to continue in their lives. *Therefore let us continue in the fear of God, be humble and willing to be corrected whenever our errors are exposed to us.*

*D. “13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.” (Psalm 19:13 KJV)* They who fear God will give to God the full control that their ego and the flesh will not have the control over their lives. Those who fear God, they will hear the Holy Spirit and will be convicted by His Word and will turn away from their sins. They will take warning and will not give opportunity to any sin to control them. They will even pray to God not to let them by any means to be falling in sin and temptation. *Therefore let us continue to fear God and be humble and give him the leading to correct us, praying to Him to cleans us from our sins that we are aware of them, and to deliver us from such sins, that they will not have dominion over us, so that we will continue to live in uprightness and cleansed from sins.*

*E. “14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14 KJV)* Those who fear God will not only allow God, the Holy Spirit to work on them to cleanse them from sins, but they will work with God up to the point that they will allow Him to cleanse them from their evil thoughts and keep their hearts and minds clean before Him so the words of their mouths will be

pure, and aware that He is the one who saved them, in giving them eternal life, and their strength is from Him. **Therefore in the same way let us allow God not only to cleanse us from sins, but even to allow Him to examine our hearts and minds and cleanse us so that our thoughts and the words of our mouths will be pleasant to Him, for He is our redeemer, and our salvation, and our strength had come from Him.**

Jesus said about the heart, is the organ that makes man unclean as He spoke the following to His disciples and to us today, ***“17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.” (Matthew 15:17-20 KJV)*** Nothing from the outside will make the man unclean, but the evil thoughts that will come from the heart, that defile the man, and from such we need to clean ourselves from. Therefore let us control our tongues and, ***“29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29 KJV)***

Paul spoke about what kinds of good thoughts that our minds need to have, ***“8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8 KJV)*** Our thoughts are spoken words toward God, so if we carry evil thoughts then as if we are speaking evil words with God. But when we think of what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good, things of virtue, the praise worthy things; such way of thinking shall please God.

***My dear and beloved:*** I pray that this Word of God had helped you to be aware how much God loves you and how He worked out to reveal Himself to you through what He is doing in the nature around you and in reaching you with what He is doing, and with His Word, teaching and promises. I pray that the message had given you a clear way how your faith in God would increase and how ultimately you will walk in the fear of Him.

The time had come to humble down and to be willing to surrender your life and your will to Him. The time had come to open your heart to Jesus, to believe on Him, and to allow Him to be the Lord over your life; that he will be the one to lead you in the way that you need to go and in the plan that He had ordained for you to pass through. The time had come now to commit your life to live for Him and to serve Him.

Let us pray ...

***My Prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that enlightened my mind and directed me in the way that I need to go through.

***Renounce your sins and all your wrong doings. Renounce your pride, doing your own will, your selfishness, your laziness, your bad thoughts, your anger and bad speech, your lack of reading the Bible, your lack of commitment and your lack in perseverance to the task and the race that God had placed on you to finish. Lord forgive me, I repent and I renounce the following sins***

***Lord I commit myself to start walking according to your Word and in the way that you had outlined to me as I received in this message. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, patience, perseverance, long-suffering, self-control and meekness, so that people can see Christ in my life.***

***Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and willing to come back to you. Lord upholds them with your grace, give them strength and provides their needs so they will continue to serve you and live their lives for you.***

***Lord bless us as your church and uphold us with your grace and mercy. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you. Lord enable us to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus and to start to teach them your Word. Lord lead us to make new disciples and train new workers and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.***

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