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To God Be The Glory

Dedication

To our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ—

Our Light in the darkness, our Rock of salvation, and the Author of our faith. May the words of this message bring glory to Your name and draw hearts ever closer to You.

Romans 11:36

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

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Introduction

Fear is something we all face many times throughout our lives. Sometimes it is just a small fear, and at other times it is almost a paralysing fear. The fear I want to discuss in this book is the fear we have for God, and not so much fearing how we are going to live and provide for our families.

There are two different kinds of fear for God. There is the fear that wants us to keep our distance from God, to not come into his presence unless we are harmed in some way. Our consciences tell us we are not worthy to approach our God. This type of fear will always drive us away from God.

Then there is the Godly fear we must all have. This fear is not terror or panic, but is reverence and awe at who he is. This type of fear should draw us closer to him and wanting to be in his presence. Listen to how the bible describes how we should approach God.

Heb 4:14 Having therefore a great High Priest,
Who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the
Son of God, we should hold fast the
confession of our faith.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest

who cannot empathize with our weaknesses,
but One Who was tempted in all things
according to the likeness of our own
temptations; yet He was without sin.

Heb 4:16 Therefore, we should come with
boldness to the throne of grace, so that we
may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

Notice we are to come before God in Heaven boldly and with
Godly fear. Keep this thought in mind as you read the rest of
this book.

Is Being Fearful A Sin Against God

We are residing in an extremely hazardous and changing world. A world where fear is ever increasing, where we fear for losing our jobs, our families, our homes and even our lives. Wars are a constant threat to all of us as countries want to take over other countries for a variety of reasons, hatred for neighbours is an ever increasing problem and especially in the middle east.

The governments around the world are all trying to find more ways to control their populations with surveillance cameras covering almost all of our cities. They also want to do away with cash so they can monitor and control how we spend out money. The United Nations is

We are going through a pandemic with the COVID-19 virus. Our communities and families are being divided and we do not know where these changes will lead.

Governments are restricting people and causing worry as they try to control the population. Workers are being forced to get the Covid vaccine or risk losing their jobs, homes, families, and friends. Everyone feels fear for their families' futures. To worry about your future, and the future of your family, is understandable. We should be concerned and trying to help

them achieve the best outcome for them in all areas of their lives.

But if a Christian will not stand up for his religious convictions, this is a sin against God. It is, in fact, a great sin against God, as I will now explain to you. When you listen to Rev 21:7-8, you will hear being fearful is the first one listed before other sins, sins which we may regard as greater offences to God. Read this passage of scripture from.

Rev 21:7, He that overcometh shall inherit all things;¹ and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 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.

In verse 7, we perceive the reward of those who have overcome. They are the sons and daughters of God.

Then in verse 8 the fearful are mentioned first even before murderers. These fearful are not those who are worried about their families.

The ones who could not conquer their fears are listed even before the murderers, showing that fear is deemed a greater weakness than murder. To prevent embarrassment and rejection, they conform to the world's ways and reject God.

They resist the goodness of God rather than rejecting fear and bad influences, no matter where they come from.

The sins following that of being fearful may seem to us to be greater sins. Sins such as murder, lies and whoremongering. These are in our eyes greater sins than being cowardly. So why does God list being fearful first in this list, and make it punishable by the second death? Anything deserving the second death has to be an extremely serious sin against God.

These fearful people do not show loyalty to their sovereign God. They will put their own desires and welfare before the will of God. They violate the first of the commandments by not putting God first. Therefore, it is not surprising the first sin listed here violates the first and greatest commandment as told to us in Mat 22:36-37.

Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Mat 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

If we have this type of love for our God, a true and strong love, it will make us fearless and give us the strength we need to resist Satan. It showed this to us in.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

This type of fear is not the same as the natural fear I mentioned earlier, like losing your job. This fear will put one's own interests well before those of God, as a person puts self and their own safety before Jesus. What did Jesus demand from his followers to do in Mat 10:37-39?

Mat 10:37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

Mat 10:38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

I hope you can understand just how damaging it is to reject Jesus because you fear for your own welfare. Many people throughout the ages have suffered great pain and death because of their faith and trust in God. Satan is always in the shadows, trying to steal our faith and have us conform to the ways of this world. But our faith must drive out all fear as we earnestly cling to Jesus.

We see here that fear will cause us to reject God in favour of caring for ourselves. If we are to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind, we will fear no-one, or anything that may cause us to doubt the goodness of God. This fearfulness comes about from a lack of faith. Genuine faith will never be fearful of the future with God. Study Mat chapter 10:26-28 to envisage who you must fear the most.

Mat 10:26 Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and nothing hidden which shall not be known.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear, proclaim on the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Therefore, do not be fearful for matters of your faith. And do not shrink away from God. We must trust our Almighty Creator and reject any thoughts of fear of being intimidated or bullied because we put Him first in our lives. One important thing I need to point out is the meaning behind verse 28. Read carefully the last part of this verse and observe that God can destroy both body and soul in the fires of hell. This disproves the commonly held idea by many churches that we have an immortal soul that lives forever. If God can destroy it, then it is not immortal. For more information on this topic, please watch my video titled "Do We Have Immortality".

God expects his children to live by faith. We cannot foresee our futures, so we must accept all that God has recorded in his Bible by faith. Faith in God is vital if we are going to please him as we can behold see in.

Heb 10:38 And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

Heb 10:39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

We are not of those who shrink back, those who are fearful, or those who are fearful because of the word of God. Verse 38 explains Jesus will take no pleasure in those who shrink back, those who are fearful because of his calling. We must learn to rely on God for everything, as we see in Pro 3:3-6.

Pro 3:3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

Pro 3:4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Pro 3:6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

This is the best advice I can give to anyone who is seeking God. Seek him with your whole heart and do not be fearful about what any man can do to you. Do not be afraid to speak the truth whenever the occasion arises. Lean not on your own understanding. This means to rely upon God.

When are you being fearful because of your faith? When you

are too afraid to speak the truth in love whenever you have the opportunity. Or when you refuse to answer a question honestly in case you offend. This is when you are being fearful. Whenever you cannot keep God's laws due to what other people may think of you, and this includes family and friends, you are committing a sin against God. It is better to offend those who disagree with you than to offend God.

We are rapidly approaching a time of trouble that the world has never experienced before.. Seven years known as the tribulation. A time when Christians will need to rely upon God for everything. When they can expect to be persecuted, and some will even experience death at the hands of those who hate Christians.

As I do not believe in a pre-tribulation rapture, I can foresee this time of trouble as being a dangerous time for Christians and Jews alike. A time when we are going to need God, and his indwelling Holy Spirit, for the ability to withstand the forces of evil that will be against us. Remember the following scriptures to help strengthen you during this time starting in:

2Ti 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Also

Deu 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

And

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

God's spirit will give us power, love, and self-discipline. He will never leave nor forsake us, and his love will overcome our fear if we remain in him. Beautiful promises we can depend upon, even when our situation may seem hopeless. To enter God's Kingdom is worth far more than what other people may think of you now. Keep your eyes on this remarkable future and never be fearful about matters of God.

Old Testament

In the old testament Nehemiah the prophet was threatened, told there were assassins coming to kill him. They were attempting to intimidate him and cause him to fear what men were coming to do to him. Notice Nehemiah's response and why they were not successful.

Neh 6:10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you."

Neh 6:11 But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!"

Neh 6:12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

Neh 6:13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to

discredit me.

Neh 6:14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.

Verse 13 is the vital part to understand. They hired Shemaiah to intimidate Nehemiah, make him doubt God, to make him fearful of what would happen to him. Make him fear for his own life and not trust God, and therefore, to sin. Listen to the advice of King Solomon in Proverbs 14 verse 32

Pro 14:32 When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous seek refuge in God.

So always trust God to have your best interests at heart and do not be fearful because of your faith. It is much better to die for Jesus than to live your life as a coward and be rejected by our Lord.

Please take the advice of King Solomon and be faithful even in death.

Thank you for reading this book, and may our Almighty God bless you and your family.

Thank You.

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All scriptures quoted in this book are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

The King James Version (KJV) occupies a unique and revered position in the history of Christian scripture, often regarded by its advocates as the most accurate and faithful English translation available. Commissioned by King James I of England and first published in 1611, the KJV was the result of the collaborative effort of 47 distinguished biblical scholars, all highly proficient in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. These scholars approached their task with deep reverence, striving to preserve the integrity of God's Word while rendering it in a majestic and poetic style that has profoundly shaped both Christianity and English literature.

One of the reasons many consider the KJV superior is its reliance on the Textus Receptus manuscripts for the New Testament, which were widely regarded as reliable by scholars of that era. Advocates of the KJV often argue that modern translations deviate from these ancient texts and incorporate contemporary interpretations that risk diminishing the Bible's original meaning. Additionally, the language of the KJV, though more complex than that of modern translations, is praised for its precision, reverence, and reflection of the

sacred nature of Scripture.

The historical impact of the KJV on English-speaking Christian communities further underscores its importance as a foundational text. For those who value both doctrinal fidelity and linguistic beauty, the King James Bible continues to be a cherished and authoritative version of Scripture.

About The Author

Leslie Rendell has always believed in the existence of Almighty God. But it is only in the last 34 years that he has become more dedicated to researching the Holy Bible to find answers to his own questions.

We all have our own personal question to ask as we wonder why things are a certain way in our lives, and in the lives of other people as well. Leslie has always relied only on the Bible for his answers to religious questions because this is the only place one can expect to find the truth. The thoughts and teachings of any man, church, or religion, mean nothing to him.

If there is a conflict between what man claims to be right, and what God has had recorded in his holy scriptures, then the word of God will always be regarded as correct. The traditions of man, no matter who he is, will never be seen as more important, or more authoritative than the words in the Bible.

This is the way Leslie has always written, and will continue to write, as he seeks to find answers to his own questions that will hopefully also help to answer questions other Christians, and Non-Christians, may have.

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