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Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I would like in this Thank You Letter to address the subject of “fear” with all that is taking place all around us. Fear was first experienced by a human in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve broke God’s commandment not to partake of the fruit of the tree which was in the midst of the garden. The real enemy of mankind convinced the woman that God was withholding things from her and she yielded. I assure you Brothers and Sisters that multitudes of God’s children have yielded to Satan’s convincing propaganda and partook of that which is contrary to God’s Word (commandments)! With all of the pressures being put upon the human race today, fear of the future has become very evident and fear of death is troubling humanity worldwide. The Word of God states that all flesh is destined to die, so death shall come to each of us in due time either by accident, by sickness, or by old age. I am not so concerned about dying but concerned most about what will follow. I cannot know when death will come my way but I can be prepared for what will follow: Judgment! *“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth”* (Proverbs 27:1) *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”* (Hebrews 9:27)

“And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:4-7)

Fear is an inherited human emotion and it is profitable while journeying through life. But what we true Christians fear the most should be our relationship with our Creator! If we have a current relationship with Him then we will have a reverent fear of His commandments He has placed in our procession through the Word of God! Obedience is better than sacrifice!

“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?” (Genesis 3:9-11) If you are afraid of your Creator don’t hide from Him but face Him for He has the covering you need to face Him in judgment! The God of Heaven loves you more than you can imagine and paid the price on Calvary to prove it! The god of this world hates you more than you can imagine and has proved it in the life of Job! *“And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.”* (Job 2:4) This evil creature took from Job everything except his life. Have you considered your

servitude to your heavenly Father and your reverent fear towards Him during difficult times? *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”* (Matthew 6:24-34)

If we listen to the news media and not to the voice of the Spirit then fear of humanity will be greater than the fear of God. One of the elements Satan used on Job was the news media about all the tragic happenings around him. Timely news arriving one after another to attempt to penetrate Job's faith, trust, and fear of God! *“While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.”* (Job 1:18-22)

My dear friends I do not know what lies ahead in our day nor do I judge any other human how they react to the fear transpiring in our day. We all are human and fear is part of our nature. If we fail at one point in life God has provided through repentance a new hope for eternity. God knows mankind's weaknesses and shortcomings even with His redeemed. *“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,”* (2 Peter 3:8-11) Mankind has always dismissed living a separate godly (Bible based) life and followed after the lies of the Serpent to partake of what God has commanded not to partake of. God does not remove the temptation but relies on the integrity of His own to flee rather than to partake; to fear Him more than fearing the laws and ridicule of lost humanity!

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” (Proverbs 3:5-8)

“The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” (Psalms 118:6) *“So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”* (Hebrews 13:6)

Thank You with Love and prayers,
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