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The Words of Your Mouth FEAR OF THE LORD *The Series* *is in Your Mouth!*

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(discuss the reel of the muslim man who said the problem he had with Christianity in America was that there was no fear of God).

NOW: We know the muslim fear of God is actually terror...but this statement grabbed my attention.

HONESTLY: He was NOT wrong...there is NO FEAR OF GOD in America.

We have worked so hard at trying to make God our friend that we moved right into "drinking buddy", "party buddy", etc...and we have lost the fear of God.

NOW: We know that the fear of God is NOT terror of Him. It is NOT sinners in the hands of an angry God...so we better get our lives right.

Psalm 33:8 – "Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him."

(AMP) – "Let all the earth fear the Lord [revere and worship Him]; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him."

"Fear of the Lord" reverential awe, awesome awareness, in awe of Him, reverence

BELOVED: The church has lost their awe...their reverence of Him!

Proverbs 4:5,7

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

NOTE: Wisdom is the PRINCIPLE thing! Foundational thing!

Proverbs 1:7 – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 9:10 – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

BELOVED: You cannot even BEGIN to walk in wisdom without the FEAR of God...without being in AWE of Him...reverencing Him!

Proverbs 15:16 – "Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith."

Proverbs 22:4 – "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

BELOVED: You cannot attain riches, honor and life without the fear of God.

Proverbs 10:27 – "The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."

BELOVED: Scripture is very clear that God wants a friendship with us! That is the purpose of mankind (Adam and Eve). He sent His Son to repair that relationship with us.

HOWEVER: We can never forget that HE IS GOD...HE IS THE KING...and our friend. His is NOT a DRINKING BUD...He is a COVENANT FRIEND!

UNDERSTAND: A friend doesn't forget or ignore who their covenant partner is!

Esther 5:1-3

NOTE: Esther is the wife of the King...she is close to him...she has his heart! Yet...

- 1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.
- 2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.
- 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

She didn't forget who he was. He was SO GLAD to see her...come and sit with him. "You want a favor?" he said. "I will give you up to half the kingdom!"
She, his favorite, still came into his courts the right way.

ILLUSTRATION: When dad began Grace Ministries he brought all the men who were with him and taught them covenant relationship. He taught them for months to get it inside of them. Talking about the different areas...the areas of offense (don't give the devil a playground, etc.).

Shortly, thereafter, one of the guys, thinking he had gotten a hold of this revelation came up to my dad (we all know how particular my dad was with his hair) and began messing it up, aggressively messing it up. Then laughed and said, "We are in covenant relationship, you can't get offended." Dude, this is your covering. Open communication is one thing, but that lack of respect and reverence was WRONG.

BELOVED: That is the attitude of so many Christians. God will hafta get used to my habits...by wrong doings...cause he is my friend.

That is wrong.

Malachi 1:6-11

- 6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? **and if I be a master, where is my fear?** saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?
- 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.
- 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.
- 9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.
- 10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

NOTICE: The children of Israel had progressively lost their FEAR of God...what did it cause them to do? Bring sick and maimed animals for sacrifice.

IN OTHER WORDS: God understands if I don't bring my tithe...He understands if I don't give my best...do my best...make mistakes...etc.

When you are not living in the FEAR of God...reverence of God, you will begin to be comfortable with your sin...with your shortcomings...assuming, my buddy will be okay with it.

BELOVED: God will NEVER be okay with your sins...with disobedience!

POSSIBLY: God as our friend.

The cool thing about this friendship is that HE IS KING...therefore...

- 1.) We have the favor of the King...like Esther.
We have access to everything the King has.
- 2.) We have access to the secrets of the King.
John 15:15; Psalm 86:11; Psalm 25:12-14

UNDERSTAND: Without the fear of God..we will always stop short of what is best for us! Always! Never totally step into His best.

What We Need to do to Fear God!

Proverbs 23:17 – “Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou *in the fear of the LORD all the day long.*”

NOTICE: This is a lifestyle! All day long!

1.) We need to WORSHIP RIGHT.

Psalm 100:4 – “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

In the same way that Esther came before the presence of the king correctly, so must we. Praise, thanksgiving...then intimacy!

Worship and praise is about coming into His presence and standing before Him. Face to face. Intimacy!

What would you do in the presence of a King? Flip through your phone? Go to the bathroom three or four times? Flip through the pages of US Weekly?

NO! We would be enamored by Him! We would have our full attention on Him!

BELOVED: We are doing worship wrong...not all, but some...if He doesn't have all of our attention.

2.) We need to WALK RIGHT.

This is day to day living! Do what is right. Stop trying to see what you can get by with.

Proverbs 16:6 – “By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.”

BELOVED: Why do we NOT sin? Just so we can go to heaven? Perhaps that is a great reason!

HOWEVER: What about sin breaking the heart of our King...our God. What about NOT doing anything in His presence that even comes close to being what He doesn't like?

LISTEN you can come up with reasons why drinking alcohol is okay...but I know there are enough Scriptures in the Bible that tells us God doesn't like it to be a reason not to do it.

God is omnipresent...He is everywhere. He even lives in our heart, so He goes everywhere with us. If it is even a question that He doesn't like it...I don't think we should be doing it.

Joseph could have kept his good job by just sleeping with Potiphar's wife...but he feared the Lord and didn't do it.

The three Hebrew children could have kept from the threat of the fiery furnace by bowing down... but they feared the Lord and didn't do it.

Daniel could have stayed out the den of hungry lions by not praying DAILY...but he feared the Lord and did it anyway!

BELOVED: The list goes on and on...do what is right, even if it is something you want to do or don't want to do.

UNDERSTAND: When you live in the kingdom of a King...you are a reflection of that King. So you better act like the King is present.

1 Kings 10:4,5

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

“Sitting” – how they were...how they acted

3.) We need to **WORD RIGHT**.

I know that isn't proper grammar...but it stay with our pattern: WORSHIP, WALK and WORDS!

THINK ABOUT THIS: If the King of all kings has said a thing...if the Creator of Heaven and Earth has declared a thing...if the One who planned us, purposed us and empowered us has told us something...

THEN who do we think we are saying ANYTHING that is contrary to what He has said...**HOW DARE YOU!**

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.”

“Froward” – to pervert, to turn something around

If you are going to walk in the fear of God...you better get your mouth lined up with His...don't be turning it around.

ILLUSTRATION: One of the things that keep my stories from being evangelistically speaking is the fact that my wife is in this room, my sister is in this room, my children are in this room...I know if I lie, I will have people in this room questioning everything I say.

BELOVED: Today...in your life, wherever you go...Holy Spirit and God Himself will be with you and in you. When you start speaking how you feel instead of what the Word says...you are lying, in His presence.

You are saying...in His presence that what He did wasn't enough.

THINK OF IT LIKE THIS: You are not aware of His presence enough to control your tongue.

If He says it...you say it!

REMEMBER: God correcting Job for saying wrong things?

BELOVED: When God told me a couple months ago that His people are not taking Him seriously when it comes to the Words of their mouth...that should have been a hint that we need to clean it up.

How do I Increase in This Fear?

Not gonna spend a lot of time on this...but it comes down to who you hang out with...

1.) Hang with God...in His Word...in His presence.

Read, Listen and Worship.

The more you hang with Him...the more you become aware of His presence...His greatness!

2.) Hang with those of like precious faith!

Not just any Christians...those who fear the Lord...those who are aware of Him...those who walk right, talk right and love to worship right.

Psalm 1:1 – Don't hang with the wrong people.

3.) **Respect His secrets!**

If you are in a place where God is revealing Himself to you in an increased capacity...respect it
and walk in it.

Don't take it lightly.