

Trembling? Seriously?

*Then I saw a
great white
throne and Him
who sat on it...*

Can we comprehend that Satan is the “god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4)? Do we see that sin has conquered the world? Except for the righteous remnant, “the whole world lies in the evil” (1 John 5:19). People practice sin because they love the “pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:25). People covet the darkness because their deeds are evil (John 3:19).

Only the blood of Christ can triumph over sin. The gospel is to be proclaimed “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). What is baptism? It is faith trembling before the throne of Almighty God.

How do people respond to the concept of “trembling?” Many respond with a sense of aversion because trembling goes against pride. For people who have not placed themselves under the influence of the gospel, pride is bound up in their nature the same as sin within Satan. He resents being told what to do. Does this sound familiar?

Others respond with derision. They detest the mere thought of trembling because it depicts a person of being weak. That is the truth, but they refuse to believe it. People are independent, strong, and perfectly capable of coping with life all on their own. They reject the words of Jesus “Without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

Still others declare they are fearful of nothing and no one. They stand alone in the midst of the storm and revel in their might. They feel no need of protection. They possess the spirit of the judge who “did not fear God nor regard man” (Luke 18:2).

In contrast, biblical love and faith are dependent upon the Word of God. The Word of God is the source of faith. It produces faith in the mind of people open to instruction. “So then faith by comes hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Faith cannot act until it hears “God said.” Love for God is powerless to act without a word from God. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Faith cannot submit to God, and love cannot obey God without a word from God instructing the attitude of the heart as to what to do.

A person who claims to believe in and love God and does not tremble at the Word of God is self-deceived. Love for God is the greatest commandment. “Jesus said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the first and great commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38). The apostle Paul exhorted Christians to “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

When Peter commanded believers to “Repent, and be baptized for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38) and when a penitent believer was told to “arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins” (Acts 22:16), there was “TREMBLING” involved in the response! Have you “trembled” before the throne of God?

Seriously...

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To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few “family” announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord’s Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us!



King Saul sat under a tree while Jonathan went to attack the Philistines—what kind of tree?

Bday/Anniv Lunch: Today...

Friday Bible Study: from 7—8PM.

God bless your Bible study (2

Timothy 2:15)!

3rd Thursday Night Singing:

here from 7—8PM (1/16). God bless our joyful praise to the Lord!