

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **"GOD HATH NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR"**

..."For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind..."

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

### **"BORN-AGAIN - FROM LIFE UNTO DEATH"**

In dealing with this study on the force of fear it is best to go back right to the beginning of the Bible and look at the origins of it according to the Word of God - back to the time when man first experienced fear. This will take us right back to Adam and Eve in the garden just following their deception by Satan and Adam's rebellion against God. So we begin in Genesis 3:8-10 where it is written:

..."And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" and he said. "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself"....

In this chapter we find Adam's high treason against God, and his failure to comply with the rule which had been established by God concerning their obedience to Him. Because of this one act of disobedience and high treason Satan became the "step-father" of all mankind. Both Adam and Eve and all of their, as yet, unborn children - and all the children who would be born of woman in the earth came under his "lordship". In verse 10 we find the first mention of fear found in the Bible when Adam said. "I was afraid". It is important for the child of God to realize that, before his fall, Adam walked with God and was created by God - in His Own image. Adam was motivated by the force of faith and was a partaker of the very nature of God, but as soon as sin entered into his spirit, when he bowed his knee to the Evil One, he took upon himself the nature of his new lord Satan and was literally "born again" from life unto death.

## **THE FORCE OF FEAR**

In knowing that faith is the force which is God's vehicle for creating we can see that Satan (who has absolutely no creative power within himself), in an attempt to make himself like the Most High, "perverted" faith (he is only capable of counterfeiting anything he touches), and the result was the force of fear - fear being the exact opposite of faith. As we study on we will see that fear is the reciprocal force of faith. Faith is a product of life and fear is a product of death! Right from the point of Adam's treason, we are able to see that these two absolute forces were established as the governing forces in this earth. In realizing that there is the force of love, wisdom, righteousness, etc. which all proceed from God we will define the force of faith as encompassing all those things which bring into effect the absolute life (Zoe) of God in the earth. All things that initiate from God pertain to life and all things which initiate from Satan pertain to death. We know that if we sow to the Spirit, the life of God will be manifested in our lives and if we sow to the flesh (the nature of man inherited from Satan) we will reap death and corruption in our lives (Galatians 6:7-8). It **MUST** be established in the heart of **EVERY** believer that there has always been only two choices for man, and the one he makes will determine his eternal destiny.

## **THE EXERCISING OF THE FORCE OF FEAR IS A BLATANT DENIAL OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS!**

As we look at the force of fear and the force of faith we are going to see clearly that we have been redeemed from every aspect of the law of sin and death - including "fear" of any kind (Romans 8:1-2). We know that Jesus Christ came and suffered the death of the Cross and in doing so He provided our redemption from all the aspects of evil which came into the earth through Satan at the Fall - grief, sorrow, transgression, iniquity, mental distress, sickness and disease and every diabolical ailment which mankind has suffered at the hands of the Destroyer. Jesus opened the door to righteousness, (right-standing with God) healing, prosperity, peace of mind and every other aspect of the law of the Spirit of life. We need to lift our hands in praise to our beloved Lord each day for the wondrous redemption we have in Him and the tremendous sacrifice which He made because He loved us so much! Until the child of God truly inclines their ear toward the Word of God they will never have a deep enough appreciation of Jesus Christ - who He really is, and what He really accomplished for us. In Isaiah 53:3-5 (Amplified Translation)

the Word of God reveals graphically His sacrifice for our redemption. Let it be known that the precious Blood of Jesus must never be treated lightly in any way!

It is written:

"He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him. Surely he has borne our griefs, sickness, sorrows and pain of punishment. Yet we ignorantly, considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted of God as if with leprosy. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes that wounded Him we are healed and made whole."

Isaiah 53:3-5 Amplified Translation

It is the urgent duty of every believer to learn and appropriate the fulness of their inheritance which they have in Christ Jesus - for to settle for anything less is sin and constitutes a blatant denial of the Blood of Jesus Christ in the eyes of the Father. As the child of God comes to a deeper revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ they will see clearly the perfection of the work which was accomplished.

### **"NO WEAPON FORMED" ...!**

In Isaiah 54:4 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

..."Fear not, for you shall not be ashamed; neither be confounded and depressed, for you shall not be put to shame..."

In the life of the believer fear acted upon will cause that believer to be moved out of the Father's perfect path for their life and ministry. Thus, He will be hindered in His ability to use them fully until such a time as that child of God replaces the ground of fear within them - with the faith-filled words of God. It is extremely important that we, as believers, take the necessary steps to remove all traces of fear in our being by continually giving the Word of God preeminence. It is from this position alone that one will be found "bringing every thought captive" to the Word of God. Diligence in this area will cause one to operate continually

from a heart that is filled with the faith of Almighty God.

In Isaiah 54:14-17 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."You shall establish yourself in righteousness, in conformity with God's will and order; you shall be far even from the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you....but no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgement you shall show to be in the wrong. This peace, righteousness, security over opposition is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, (those in whom the ideal servant of the Lord is reproduced. This is the righteousness or the vindication they obtain from Me, this is that which I impart to them as their justification, says the Lord"....

As the child of God meditates and confesses these above scriptures they will "allow" the Holy Spirit to create in their heart the assurance that wherever they go, and whatever they say (in the Lord), - no matter what "circumstances" seem to dictate, that God will protect them from ANY weapon that is formed against them. I have seen in my own experience numerous times where Satan seemed to have me cornered with no apparent route of escape, but I would stand firmly on these passages and not once was I delivered less than perfectly! "False judgements" which are formed against the child of God will always be shown to be in the wrong as one continues to walk in love. As the believer begins to walk in perfect conformity to the Father's will they shall continually "rise above" - through a strict adherence to the revealed Word of God - any thought which the Evil One might try and sway them with.

## **WORDS OF DEATH AND DARKNESS LEAD TO FEAR - WORDS OF LIFE AND LIGHT LEAD TO FAITH**

How absolutely marvellous are the promises of our Heavenly Father, but we must have them established in our hearts - in and by the Holy Spirit - or they will be "foreign" to us in our time of need. Every believer must realize that all of these things previously mentioned are the heritage of those who are separated wholly unto the Father and His Word - and all of us, as His children, are called to be just that! Many, up until now, have been slow to incline their heart to the Word of God, and because of this they do not yet realize many aspects of their precious

inheritance in Christ - one of which is their total and absolute redemption from ANY bondage to the spirit of fear. We need to place the Word of God before our eyes continually in order that we might confess it with our mouth continually. As our mind is renewed to the Word of God we will THEN replace any of the fear-filled lies of Satan that we previously believed, with the faith-filled promises of God. As the child of God diligently seeks the life of faith and places God's Word first place in their life - day in and day out - the Father will place them in an "environment" which is conducive to the spiritual growth He so desires for them to experience. All believers must discipline themselves to take heed what they hear! For they will either "choose" to hear words of death and darkness which lead to fear, or words of life and light which lead to faith.

## **TWO CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GLORIOUS CHURCH:**

### **WITHOUT SIN AND WITHOUT FEAR!**

As we begin in the Body of Christ to walk as the "Glorious Church" our two main characteristics will be that we will be without sin and without fear! While at times this may seem incomprehensible, all things are possible to those who will believe and trust in the Word of God. As individual believers consecrate themselves as never before, all fear will vanish from the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and all the ground (fear) which Satan used to promote strife and worry and unbelief will no longer be there as God's children are continually in a position to be washed by the water of His Word and cleansed by the precious Blood. From this place they will then turn and exercise the true power and authority which are theirs in Christ Jesus and the captives will be set free - the strongholds of Satan crumbling and vanishing as if they never had existed! Satan will no longer be able to set up his attacks from "close range" and because of this the believer who abides in the Word of God will walk constantly by faith and because of their proper positioning (seated at the right hand of the Father with Christ) they will NEVER be ignorant of his Satan's evil schemes. For they will be able to see them from a long way off and thus they truly will be far from oppression. As the believer will continually resist the Devil - by bringing EVERY thought captive to the Word of God and thus proclaiming it boldly from the position of perfect righteousness in the sight of the Father, the Devil will be in a constant state of "fleeing" before them (James 4:7)!

## **IT IS EVERY BELIEVER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ACTIVATE GOD'S WORD IN THE EARTH -THROUGH THE EXERCISING OF FAITH**

Every child of God needs to develop a deep trust in the Father (and His Word) and all that He is so that they might reach the point where the leaning of their entire being is on Him (in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) - for He alone is worthy! We must realize that Satan can do nothing except through our fear. Therefore, in seeing that this is so, we need to continually allow the Holy Spirit to remove anything, from our hearts and minds, which is not in accordance with the Word of God. It is every believer's responsibility to activate God's Word in the earth through the exercising of faith!

As we fill our hearts with an abundance of God's Word THEN out of that abundance in our hearts we shall continually speak words of life - for in our tongues are the power of life and death (Matthew 12:34 -37) (Proverbs 18:21)! Let it be known that if words of fear and unbelief are spoken, the law of sin and death will be activated in the earth. But on the other hand, as words of faith and love are spoken, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will be activated. There is no greater affront to the Heavenly Father than for a believer to continually spew out words of unbelief and death right in the face of the precious Blood of the Lamb - denying with every breath all that was sacrificed at Calvary. This indeed is serious business and it will be dealt with thoroughly in the church for the Father will not have it!

## **FEAR ALWAYS CAUSES THE MANIFESTATION OF CORRUPTION, DARKNESS AND DEATH WHEREVER IT IS PUT INTO ACTION**

In 2 Timothy 1:7 (K.J.V.) it is written:

...."For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind"....

The child of God should NEVER act in fear, but rather they should ALWAYS replace that fear with a faith-filled promise from the Word of God. Then, having done that, to step out blindly - if necessary - knowing and believing that the Father is indeed watching over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). We must know in our hearts that God has not given us the spirit of fear, and, in knowing this, we must recognize that anything which denotes fear is not of God,

but of Satan. There are many believers who have coined the phrase "healthy fear" while, in reality, there is no such thing. Fear always causes the manifestation of corruption, darkness and death wherever it is put into action, and is an abominable thing in the eyes of God. The Holy Spirit gave me a definition as I inquired on the word "cautiousness" found in Proverbs 14:16 (Nasb) and He said:

..."Cautiousness in the child of God is that state of heart which produces a watchful eye for the Word of God in every situation. This in no way denotes fear, but rather a trust in the Heavenly Father - which is pleasing to Him. It is an attitude of heart which protects the believer from any intrusion of evil. Caution exercised by the double-minded believer is always based on fear. Caution exercised by the pure hearted believer is always based in faith and obedience to My command to be of sober spirit and to remain alert to the wiles of the Evil One (1 Peter 5:8)"....

In this true state of heart the believer's only desire is to remain inside the Covenant they have with the Father - which was ratified by the Blood of Jesus - and they are therefore ALWAYS alert in their trust in and dependence upon the Word of God.

## **DEATH IS BUT A "SHADOW" TO THOSE WALKING IN THE FULNESS OF THEIR PRECIOUS INHERITANCE IN CHRIST**

As we move on now to study some scriptures from the Psalms, we will look at the life of David and we will see a man who God referred to as a "man after His own heart". We would be wise to pay close attention when we read the psalms David wrote by the Spirit of God, for as we do we will clearly see some important truths concerning our walk in Christ.

In Psalm 23:4-5 it is written:

..."Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou are with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows"....

We know that death entered into this planet when Adam bowed his knee to

Satan, but we also know that Jesus, in His earthly ministry came and redeemed us from the law of sin and death. Yet, even though redemption from EVERY "temporal evil is provided for in our wondrous salvation in Christ, we are still called to walk "through" this present world system - which lies in the power of the Evil One (1 John 5:19). Even though "physically" we are still in the world, in reality, we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and thus - spiritually speaking - we must continually be found walking in a realm which is high above the world. So as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death (and that is just what it is a "shadow") we need fear no evil. I once heard it said that the shadow of a dog never bit anybody and that the shadow of a sword never pierced anybody. The same can be said of Satan and we, who have inherited the absolute life of God, in Christ Jesus, need to realize that we need not fear death - or for that matter, any manifestation of evil in any form. To the child of God walking in faith, appropriating the fulness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus, death is but a shadow. If the believer is not continually "immersed" in the Word of God then Satan will attempt to promote fear in their heart through the death and destruction which he has caused in the world - but it is certain that our eyes should be on the Word not the world. As the believer receives revelation knowledge of their inheritance in Christ Jesus, Satan will no longer be able to use death and darkness as a tool to promote fear because the heart of that believer "will not fear" (Psalm 27:3)! One of the first and foremost benefits of being immersed in the Word of God is that our mind will - in being continually renewed - reject any lie which the Evil One attempts to implant in us in order to get us to the point where we will speak words of fear and unbelief. In Psalm 23:5 David writes: "I fear no evil", in other words he is saying that he fears nothing that Satan can throw in his path. He then says, "for Thou art with me". Every believer must know that if God is for them who can be against them (Romans 8:31), for then their entire trust will be placed on God, and the temptation to lean upon their own understanding in times of pressure will vanish.

### **THE FATHER HAS MADE THE PERFECT PROVISION - IN CHRIST - FOR US TO WALK IN UNFAILING COURAGE**

In Psalm 27:1-3 it is written:

...."The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to



devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident"....

In this passage David's heart attitude describes the Lord as his light and his salvation - and the defense (refuge) of his life. David had been persecuted by King Saul continually, having to make his escape into the deserts of Israel. As David was being pursued he knew in his heart that God had anointed him to be King of Israel and thus, when he was oppressed by Saul, David, instead of grumbling or complaining, seized the opportunity to stay close to God, to learn His ways and partake of His deliverance (salvation). We, as Christians today, can learn a great deal from David as we stand continually against Satan in this last hour. As the child of God will stand firm and hold fast in total dependence upon the Word of God they, like David, will come to the "full realization" that the Father is more than able to deliver us from our enemies and keep us from falling in ANY way. Even though there were many narrow escapes the hand of God was upon David, and his deliverance was perfectly accomplished in every situation. It is obvious that David kept his attention "fixed" on God and His Word continually, for if he had "allowed" himself to look closely at the physical circumstances he was in, he surely would have quit pursuing the perfect will of God for him to be King. It is still the same today in the Body of Christ! We MUST keep our eyes fixed on the Word of God constantly and NEVER allow ourselves to "fix" them on the domain of the Evil One. This only leads to "fellowship" with the world and its ways - and that is an abomination to God! As we fellowship continually with the Father and His Word we will come to be mighty vessels of the absolute faith which He desires us to walk in here on this earth. Every child of God may rest assured that the Father has made perfect provision for them - in Jesus Christ - to walk in "unfailing courage", regardless of what goes on around them. Our Heavenly Father strongly desires each of His children to have a fearless trust in Him. As David learned to depend on God for all things - and thus became a partaker of His mighty deliverance and blessing continually - he was able to utter the words ...."though a host encamp against me my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident".... (Psalm 27:3).

**MANY REMAIN IN BONDAGE TO THE SPIRIT OF FEAR WHEN, IN REALITY, THEY SHOULD BE FILLED AND CONSUMED WITH THE MIGHTY SPIRIT OF GOD!**

It truly is a wondrous thing for the believer to speak these words from a heart of faith knowing that the "evil one cannot "touch" them (1 John 5:18). Many remain in bondage to the spirit of fear when, in reality, they should be filled and consumed with the mighty Spirit of God! We, as children of God, are temples of God, and the Spirit of God came to dwell in us - and indeed greater is He that dwells in us than he that dwells in the world (1 John 4:4)! Every believer must be so filled with the Word of God that they will never allow themselves to be moved from their "position of faith" based upon that Word. Never should our physical circumstances determine our actions, but rather, every action should be a direct result of a heart filled to overflowing with the Word of God. It is only in this way that the child of God will accomplish the perfect will of the Father for their life - and be a powerful channel of His love and grace to all who cross their path. When the believer establishes their heart in the Word of God they will never be overcome by "any" circumstance. Even if the Evil One attempts to overwhelm the child of God in the circumstances surrounding them, the mind of that believer will be continually fed by the Word of God which will roll up from deep in their heart. In times of need this will allow them to function in faith and love - regardless of circumstances - and they will never experience the fear that is able to "cripple" the minds of those believers who have not taken the necessary time to establish their hearts and minds in the Word of God.

**ALL THINGS WHICH ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD (WILL OF GOD) ARE POSSIBLE TO THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE**

The responsibility lies with each of us, and if there remains even the smallest trace of fear within us we must immediately take the steps necessary to remove and replace that fear-filled thought with the Word of God (Romans 10:17). David was a man who placed God first in every aspect of his life and he became totally dependent upon the Lord during his persecution by Satan (through Saul). As we study both the life of David and the psalms that he wrote we will see clearly that as we too put the Father and His Word first in every aspect of our lives, and as we love the Lord with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength, we too

shall come to have that fearless trust in God which causes us to laugh at the things which only seem hopeless and impossible to the darkened understanding of man. All things which are in accordance with the Word of God (will of God) are possible to those who will believe.

**SATAN HAS NO OFFENCE OR DEFENCE AGAINST THE CHILD OF GOD WHO HAS A DEEP REVELATION THAT THEIR BATTLE IS NOT AGAINST "FLESH AND BLOOD"**

In Psalm 30:1 it is written:

..."I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast lifted me up, and hast not let my enemies rejoice over me"....

We know that our enemy is NOT "flesh and blood" - for it is written in Ephesians 6:12:

..."For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the Heavenly places"....

Every believer needs to come to the full realization that as they set out to do the tasks that their Heavenly Father has prepared for them to walk in, their battle is not against flesh and blood! As the children of God have this truth revealed to their hearts by the Holy Spirit, they will no longer be hindered or defeated - for they will no longer rely on their five physical senses, but rather wholly upon the Word of God. This will cause them to fulfil the Father's will continually and NOTHING will have the power to sway them! Satan is in serious trouble when he comes up against a child of God who has a revelation of the fact that their struggle is NOT against flesh and blood in ANY way, for then Satan has no offense or defense against them. Those who have a revelation of this spiritual fact will continually wield the sword of the Spirit - which is the Word of God. Knowing now that our enemy is Satan and all of his forces - which exist in the spirit realm and work through flesh and blood - we must NEVER look at the "flesh and blood" as our persecutor, but rather we must deal (through the power of God's Word in every situation we come across) with the demonic influence which is standing on - and working through - the "ground of the flesh" in that person. It is the subtle

strategy of Satan to get believers continually fending off his persecution which comes their way, by "carnal means" (reliance on their five physical senses), and if they do surely they will be lured into an area of strife in the natural realm. In other words, they will be attempting to come against Satan using ungodly wisdom and thus, will suffer defeat and oppression until they realize that Satan and Satan alone is their enemy.

## **THE LAW (PRINCIPLE) OF LOVE**

There is still much strife - and slanderous gossip - amongst believers, betraying an "evil root" (ground of fear and bitterness) which must be removed from within them if they are ever to fulfil their destiny in Christ. There are many who constantly spew out words of false judgement and hatred against their brothers and sisters in Christ, and the Spirit of God is deeply grieved by this manifestation of the hardness of their hearts. If the child of God truly keeps their eyes "fixed" on Jesus then quite simply they would rather die than speak a word against anyone else - for to do so would cause them to violate the law of love (Mark 12:28-31)! It is an abomination to the heart of the Father for any one of His children to act as "accusers" - in bringing vile accusations against their brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is written clearly for all to see in Ephesians 4:29:

...."Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give (impart) grace to those who hear"....

And again it is written in Matthew 5:44:

...."Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"....

It is a serious thing to willfully disobey a commandment of our Lord in order to gain "selfish satisfaction" by coming against, and exalting ourselves, above someone else (regardless of what they have done to us) in the darkness of our "own" understanding - knowing in our hearts that we are commanded to "love one another"! Ministering in love is to deny ourselves (at all cost to ourselves) - in order that the one we are speaking or ministering to - regardless of whether they are a friend or an enemy - might receive those words of life which the Spirit of God has for them, through us. We can know for certain that as we minister the

love of God, the words we speak - by the Spirit of God - will ALWAYS succeed perfectly in the matter for which they were sent, and accomplish all that the Heavenly Father desires to accomplish in the life of that person no matter who they are (believer or unbeliever, friend or enemy) (Isaiah 55:11).

Our "flesh" (old nature) must continually be put aside in every respect - in order that we might become the "pure" vessels of God's love we were called to be. There is no greater love that we can exercise than to lay down our lives (self-life) - in order that all who cross our path might experience the flowing forth of the Father's great love which He has for them. Regardless of where a believer may be at in their spiritual journey they must first and foremost revere the command to "love one another". Any violation of this commandment will surely put into motion the force of fear - not only in the life of the one speaking, but also in the life of the one spoken to.

### **WORDS OF LOVE VS. WORDS OF PRIDE AND FEAR**

Words spoken in love are ALWAYS in accordance with the Word of God and His purposes and will bring about the manifested presence of God through the words which are spoken in obedience by the child of God. Words of pride (which initiate from the darkened wisdom of man - these words not being in accordance with the Word of God) will bring about the manifested presence of fear - thus putting into effect the law of sin and death in that situation. One is now able to grasp the extreme importance of the words we speak and also the serious and solemn responsibility we have, as Christians, to speak the truth in love at ALL times (Ephesians 4:18). Words spoken in love are ALWAYS words of faith and they will always "control" any given situation to the greatest glory of the Father - and because of this Satan will continually suffer defeat. The child of God needs only to dwell and abide in the Word of God and they will experience fully what it means to be "more than a conqueror" in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:31).

### **"TRUE SUCCESS"**

As the child of God will faithfully meditate on the Word of God day and night (Joshua 1:8) they will begin to produce - through their faithfulness and obedience - the desired result of true success in their walk. "True success" is defined as the constant ability (produced and sustained in the heart of the believer who is established in God's Word - by the Holy Spirit) to walk in the perfect will

of the Father at all times. This indeed is true success, when at the end of our course, we hear our beloved Master speak the words "Well done My good and faithful servant!" It is a very clear cut decision that every child of God must make - this meditating day and night on the Word of God - for meditating on the things of the world will only produce fear and death (corruption) and darkness, while meditating on the Word of God will ALWAYS produce faith and life and light. In Psalm 118:5-6 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."Out of my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free and in a large place. The Lord is on my side what can man do to me?"....

The Father desires to have a people who are led by His Spirit every moment of every day - in order that His will be done on earth just as it is in Heaven. Every child of God needs to develop the habit of bringing EVERY thought captive to the Word of God - in order that they might continually discern ALL things in light of God's Word. It is ONLY in this way that we will become partakers of His holiness and, as the psalmist wrote in verse 5, experience fully the fact that we have been set free from the force of fear in every respect. From the position of "abiding" in love one is continually empowered to walk this earth with no fear of what man might do because they know that the Greater One resides within them - and that no "flesh and blood" will be able to stand against them (1 John 4:4) (Joshua 1:5).

### **THE "ABSOLUTE" CHARACTER OF OUR BELOVED FATHER**

In 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."Do not be unequally yoked up with unbelievers - do not make mis-mated alliances with them, or come under a different yoke with them inconsistent with your faith. For what partnership have right living and right-standing with God with iniquity and lawlessness? Or how can light fellowship with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and Belial, the devil? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; Even as God said, "I will dwell in and with and among them and I will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God and they will be My people. So come out from among unbelievers, and separate (sever) yourselves from them says the Lord, and touch not any unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favour,

and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters says the Lord Almighty"....

All through the beginning of this passage the Spirit of God talks of the distinct and absolute separation there is between good and evil, and gives us a deeper revelation of the "absolute" character of our beloved Father. He is love, in which there is no fear. He is light in which there is no darkness and He is life in which there is no death. As we become partakers of His Divine and Holy nature - through His precious and magnificent promises - we will begin to see the "absoluteness" of our Heavenly Father in all things. We will no longer look at our call to forsake all and follow Jesus as a burdensome task, but rather it will become the joy of our heart. We will begin to walk as the sons and daughters of God in the earth taking the Gospel to every creature in the power and authority we have been given in Christ Jesus.

### **FULL GROWN (COMPLETE, PERFECT) LOVE TURNS FEAR OUT OF DOORS AND EXPELS EVERY TRACE OF TERROR!**

As every child of God begins to appropriate the promises of the Father and His Word into their heart and life - and thus come to the place where they are consciously dwelling with and abiding in God, they will be led by the Spirit of God and the love of God will be continually shed abroad in their hearts by Him and all fear shall be cast out for it is written:

...."In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgement with assurance and boldness to face Him - because as He is, so are we in this world There is no fear in love - dread does not exist; but full grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and so he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love and is not yet grown into love's complete perfection"....

1 John 4:17-18 Amplified Translation

In developing a full and assured trust in our Heavenly Father for all things, and in all things, there shall indeed be no fear of punishment or retribution. When the child of God truly comes to know the tender and loving heart of their Heavenly

Father they will realize that even the discipline which they receive is a blessing from Him - for their good that they might share His holiness (Hebrews 12:10).

In John 10:10 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."The thief (Satan) comes only in order that he may steal and may kill and may destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance - to the full, till it overflows"....

In this last hour we need to experience the abundant overflowing of life which belongs to us in Christ Jesus. For it is that abundant overflow which will pour forth upon all flesh - through us, in torrents. As the rivers of living water flow forth from our spirit (corporately), all those who cross our path shall have the opportunity to experience the Living Christ who lives within us - and the "crippling" fear, which has hindered the church to such a great degree, will no longer exist in the hearts of all those who truly love God, and who are seeking Him with all of their heart.

### **FORSAKE ALL FEAR**

In John 14:27 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."Peace I leave with you My Own peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid - stop allowing ourselves to be agitated and disturbed, and do not permit ourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled"....

From these words of our Beloved Lord we can see clearly the call of the Father to forsake every ground of fear within our hearts (which is fuelled by fellowship with the world) and partake of the love and peace which the world cannot give. This love and peace comes unhindered to the child of God who will seek first the Kingdom of God and keep themselves continually in that place of right-standing with Him. This "place of right-standing" is maintained perfectly by abiding in the Word of God - and allowing the Word of God to abide in us. I will close with an exhortation for every believer to seek whole-heartedly to live the life of faith and love they are called to. May each believer have it revealed fully to their heart that the Father - by His Spirit - is able to separate them from all sin and



all fear. That was indeed the full intention of His heart when He sent Jesus to redeem us completely from all the evil which came into the earth through Adam's high treason in the Garden. So let us seek diligently to walk in love at ALL times, and harken to the Word of our Heavenly Father constantly. It is time for the spotless and unblemished Church to be manifest in the earth, and the return of our Lord draws near. Come Lord Jesus!

Amen

...."Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited - arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude, (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love, God's love in us, does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of evil done to it - pays no attention to a suffered wrong. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything without weakening. Love never fails - never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end"....

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Amplified Translation