

Monday, 18 February 2019 Jude 1:17-19

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

Is this a guide to identification of people who are not hearing and following the guidance of the Spirit? It may not be complete, but it indeed is a good guide. Someone who scoffs at the explicit directions of the Spirit; who consistently follows their passions rather than the Word's; fomenting arguments and division among the saints, and is more interested in the attractions of the world, rather than drawing closer to the LORD, God the Almighty.

Tuesday, 19 February 2019 Jude 1:20-23

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

How, now shall I act like someone who is listening to the guidance of the Spirit? Jude packs a lot into a few well-chosen words. Only two sentences. I am to ensure that I am growing in the faith. I am to spread the Word to all others by bringing them out of the threat of eternal damnation.

Wednesday, 20 February 2019 Revelation 1:9-10

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet.

My immediate thought was "Wow, to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." But should that not be my goal each Lord's Day; to spend the day in the Spirit? A day spent from can to can't as the old saying goes, in the Spirit. A day of worship, a day of prayer and fellowship with other saints, a day of refreshment and renewal, a day of observing and guarding the day set aside by the LORD, God, the

Almighty. Help me, Holy Spirit so that I too may hear that loud voice like a trumpet.

Thursday, 21 February 2019 Revelation 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

The one who conquers is the one who perseveres against the wiles of Satan. To that one, to all who are granted the glorious name of Conquer, will be given the privilege of eating from the Tree of Life. But notice the location of this tree—it is in the paradise of God. We are to be given access to the Garden of Eden from which mankind has been banned for centuries. Hallelujah, praise the Savior.

Friday, 22 February 2019 Revelation 2:11

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

The second death is the eternal death, complete and final banishment from a relationship with the LORD, God, the Almighty. However, those whom the Spirit has brought into the Bride of Christ have nothing to fear; we will spend eternity with the LORD, God, the Almighty. What a glorious day that will be.

Saturday, 23 February 2019 Revelation 2:17

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

To the conquerors, the overcomers will receive a portion of that hidden manna, the food of Heaven that is the precious communion that accompanies a relationship with the Godhead. They/we will also receive a white stone signifying our total absolution from the guilt of sin. And as is the custom with any adoption, we will receive that special family name known only to the LORD and ourselves. However, that adoption will begin to make itself manifest as we are transformed from one degree of glory

into another as we approach the image of Christ. (2 Cor. 3:18)

Lord's Day, 24 February 2019 Psalm 119:74

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

This verse speaks to me of the importance of my spoken and lived testimony as an encouragement to other believers. O, Lord, that my life would reflect the transformation of the Kingdom to all but especially to those who desire to follow You more fully in their lives. Let that hope that is within me be evident to all.

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



February 18-24, 2019

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

May the LORD, God the Almighty, the God who signifies peace, grace, mercy and joy, cleanse us and bring us into a state of complete sanctification as we wait on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise You, LORD, for You are faithful and will do this. *Amen*

To fear or not to fear, that is the question.

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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