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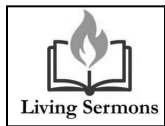
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This sermon is a solemn call to recover the fear of the Lord in an age where reverence for God, the authority of Scripture, and the sacredness of the prophetic ministry are increasingly challenged. Throughout these pages, the preacher reminds us that true prophetic ministry is inseparable from a deep knowledge of God's holiness, unwavering submission to His Word, and a life transformed by His presence.

Readers are encouraged to approach this message prayerfully, allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures and search the heart. While every believer should faithfully examine all teaching in the light of the Word of God (Acts 17:11), the central appeal of this message is one that Scripture consistently affirms: to know God, to fear Him, to honor His Word, and to faithfully represent His character before the world.

It is our prayer that this book will do more than inform your understanding. May it deepen your reverence for God, strengthen your confidence in the authority of Holy Scripture, inspire greater consecration, and awaken a fresh desire to walk faithfully before the Lord.

For His Kingdom,

— Wisdom Epsi

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Main Message

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Introduction

If you have your Bible, turn with me to **Deuteronomy 4:10**. I would like to read from the **New Living Translation (NLT)**.

"Never forget the day when you stood before the LORD your God at Mount Sinai, where he told me, 'Summon the people before me, and I will personally instruct them.' Then they will learn to fear me as long as they live, and they will teach their children to fear me."

— **Deuteronomy 4:10 (NLT)**

Throughout the International Leaders Conference, which began on Monday, we have been examining the subject of **prophets and prophecies**. Several profound truths have already been established, helping us understand who a prophet is, what prophecy is all about, and the nature of the prophetic ministry.

This morning, I would like us to consider **the God of the prophet**.

A Prophet As God's Mouthpiece

Since Monday, we have been taught that a prophet is God's mouthpiece—someone who speaks on God's behalf, someone who brings a message from God. The implication is simple: before you can speak for God, you must first hear God.

The word of the Lord must first come to you before you can proclaim it and deliver it to the people to whom God has sent you. The entire enterprise of the prophetic ministry is built upon receiving the word of God and faithfully managing its transmission.

God is fully aware of humanity's need for His voice. Because of this need, He made arrangements to ensure that His voice would always be available.

God's Provision for His Voice

When you read **Deuteronomy 18:9–15 (KJV)**, God began giving instructions to His covenant people concerning the land they were about to possess.

The Scripture says:

"When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations."

— **Deuteronomy 18:9 (KJV)**

The Lord continues by warning them against every form of occult practice:

- sacrificing sons or daughters,
- divination,
- fortune-telling,
- witchcraft,
- sorcery,
- interpreting omens,
- casting spells,
- consulting mediums,
- seeking psychics,
- and calling upon the spirits of the dead.

The Bible declares that everyone who practices these things is an abomination unto the Lord.

Then Moses says:

"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken."

— **Deuteronomy 18:15 (KJV)**

God understands our desperate need to hear His voice.

It is this innate need that continually drives mankind toward the supernatural.

It is this inner longing that compels people to seek contact with the unseen realm.

Man Was Created to Depend on the Supernatural

The way God designed human life, we were never meant to function merely on the basis of physical realities. We were not designed simply to respond to physical stimuli and natural impulses.

There is a fundamental dimension of our lives that constantly requires support from the supernatural.

It requires attention from beyond the natural realm.

Whenever there is no accurate prophetic voice available, there is often a strong temptation to seek alternative sources that promise access to whispers from the realm of the spirit.

This explains why humanity has continually devised various methods of making contact with the unseen world.

God's Warning Against False Spiritual Sources

God instructed His people:

"When you enter the land I have promised you, do not live like the people who are already there."

Those nations had developed numerous systems and methodologies intended to facilitate contact with supernatural powers.

Some of these methods involved horrific blood sacrifices—even to the extent of offering their own children—in an attempt to provoke responses from the spirit realm.

The veil that separates the natural from the supernatural cannot be crossed by mere human strength. In our natural condition, there is weakness.

There is frailty. There will always be the temptation to seek assistance from beyond ourselves.

The Desperation That Drives Men Toward Darkness

Even in our nation today, especially during election seasons, this reality becomes painfully obvious.

Many individuals contesting political offices become so desperate to secure victory that they resort to ancient, well-established occult practices in pursuit of supernatural advantage.

Blood sacrifices continue. Human sacrifices continue.

Much of the violence hidden beneath the surface of political unrest would astonish people if they understood its true motivation. Some acts of violence are intentionally funded as sacrifices—human lives offered in the most brutal ways to provoke responses from demonic powers in favor of political ambition.

Sorcery is practiced.

Witchcraft is employed.

Spells are uttered.

The dead are consulted.

But God says,

"I forbid you from doing such things."

Why?

Because He knows our need to hear His voice.

Therefore, He declared:

"I will raise up a prophet from among you."

The people need to hear My voice.

I will make provision.

I will make arrangements.

And when My servant, the prophet, brings My word, you must listen to him.

The Prophetic Voice Is God's Approved Channel

The prophetic voice therefore becomes God's approved channel for divine communication and divine instruction. It becomes the legitimate means through which the word of the Lord is delivered.

Whenever we fail to cultivate an accurate prophetic voice, desperate moments can drive us toward counterfeit alternatives. These alternatives often appear attractive because they promise certainty.

If you perform the prescribed ritual...

If you carry out the required sacrifice...

If you obey every occult instruction...

There is a guarantee that a spirit from another realm will respond.

Because of that apparent certainty, many people choose darkness.

But God says to His people:

"This is an abomination.

I forbid it.

I will raise up a prophet for you.

He will bring My word to you.

You must listen to his voice."

Why?

Because the prophet carries the voice of God.

He comes with divine authority.

The prophet bears God's voice, and because he bears God's voice, he becomes associated with the authority and attention that belong to God Himself.

Do Not Forget the God of the Prophet

Much has already been taught concerning the prophetic ministry. Yesterday, one of the speakers drew our attention to the privileges attached to the prophetic office.

But those privileges also carry serious dangers.

There are pitfalls.

There are risks into which a prophet can easily fall if he is not careful.

As we continue discussing prophets and prophecy, there is a danger that we may become so fascinated with understanding prophecy that we forget **the God of the prophet**.

We may become absorbed in learning:

- how prophecy works,
- how to become a prophet,

- how to manage the benefits of the prophetic office,
- and how to handle the influence that accompanies prophetic ministry.

If you are able to unveil mysteries...

If you are able to reveal the future...

If you can accurately foretell events before they happen...

People will naturally begin to gather around you.

Human beings hate uncertainty.

Everyone wants to know the future.

Everyone wants to know their destiny.

People want assurance that the ventures they are pursuing will not end in failure or waste.

So, when you consistently provide accurate insight into tomorrow, influence naturally follows.

Very soon, attention begins to shift toward you.

Very soon, you may forget that you are only a mouthpiece.

You are only a vessel.

That is why, before we proceed any further in understanding the prophetic ministry, we must return our attention to **the God of the prophet**.

The God who speaks. The God whose utterance gives significance to the prophet.

The God from whom every true prophetic message originates.

The Prophet Must First Hear God

If the prophetic ministry is fundamentally about receiving the word of the Lord, then there are important truths we must understand.

Returning to our opening text, Moses reminded Israel of a defining moment in their history.

He said:

"Never forget the day when you stood before the LORD your God at Mount Sinai... where He told me, 'Summon the people before me, and I will personally instruct them.'"

— **Deuteronomy 4:10 (NLT)**

This describes the prophet's private experience.

Every genuine prophet must possess a personal history with God.

There must be a place where he hears God for himself.

It is those divine conversations that ultimately define the prophet's ministry.

Hearing God Is a Sacred Trust

As we study the prophetic ministry, we must understand two profound implications.

Whenever God speaks...

Whenever you receive His word...

Whenever you hear His voice...

You are receiving a sacred trust.

It is a solemn responsibility.

Why?

Because the words you receive are the very words of the One who spoke creation into existence.

When we fail to keep our eyes upon the God who speaks, prophetic ministry becomes vulnerable to abuse.

When God Has Already Spoken

For many years, I have been troubled by something I encounter repeatedly. Someone finds themselves in a personal crisis. They stand at a crossroads, trying to make an important decision.

I ask them, "Have you prayed about this matter?"

They answer, "Yes."

Then I ask, "While praying, has God spoken to you?"

They say, "Yes."

I continue,

"What did God say?"

They explain clearly what God instructed them to do. At that point, I assume the matter has been settled.

After all, once God has spoken, what remains?

But then they respond, "Sir, you don't understand. Are you actually expecting me to do what God said?"

Immediately, I realize the real issue. What they truly desire is the exact opposite of what God has already instructed. They are looking for a man of God who will authenticate their own desires instead of confirming God's word.

They begin to argue.

They try to persuade me that their own plan is more reasonable. They explain why their preferred option makes more sense. They ask whether I cannot see the difficulties involved in obeying God. Eventually, I become helpless.

Not because God has failed to speak. But because they have failed to recognize the privilege of hearing God. They do not understand the rarity of being addressed by the One who created the heavens and the earth.

Recognizing the God Who Speaks

When you fail to recognize the God who speaks to the prophet, you begin to treat His words lightly. You reduce His voice to a mere opinion. You begin to debate what He has already settled.

You argue against His instruction. You reason yourself into disobedience. You choose another path. All because you have failed to recognize **the God who speaks to the prophet**. This is also why it is possible for someone to speak presumptuously when God has not spoken, yet attempt to convince people that they are declaring the very words of God. It becomes easy for a preacher to stand before people and say, "*God said*," when they know God has not spoken.

Why?

Because they believe they can use God's name to accomplish their own desires. All of this happens because there is no true recognition of the person of God.

God Wanted His People to Hear Him Personally

When God delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt and began leading them toward the Promised Land, the first major thing He desired was this:

"I want to meet them personally."

"I want them to hear from Me directly."

He had already observed their attitude throughout the journey.

After all the mighty signs and wonders He performed in Egypt...

After all the plagues He sent to deliver them...

The moment they reached the Red Sea, they began to complain. After Moses stretched out his hand and the sea parted, they crossed over and celebrated. Yet only three days later, when the water ran out, they again murmured bitterly. At every slight difficulty, their response was complaint and unbelief. Eventually, God brought them to a place free from distractions and said to Moses:

"Prepare the people.

In three days, I want them ready.

I want them to hear Me personally."

When that moment arrived, however, the people pleaded with Moses:

"No.

We are satisfied with a prophet. We do not want to meet God directly. We do not want to hear His voice ourselves."

Reasons God Speaks Directly

There are two fundamental reasons God desired His people to hear His voice. These are truths that every person who hears from God must understand. Returning to our opening passage, God said:

"...that I may make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth..."

— **Deuteronomy 4:10 (cf. KJV)**

Notice God's purpose. "They may learn to fear Me all the days that they live upon the earth."

Whether you hear God's voice for yourself or whether you hear as His messenger to others, this is the first expected outcome:

If you truly begin hearing the voice of God, you should come into the fear of God for the rest of your life.

What Does the Fear of God Mean?

The word *fear* in Scripture carries several shades of meaning.

It can refer to:

- awe,
- reverence,
- dread,
- and even terror.

One place this word appears is **Genesis 3:10**, where Adam said:

"...I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid..."

— **Genesis 3:10 (KJV)**

Adam experienced terror because he stood before God in a state of rebellion. Another example appears in **Genesis 20:8**.

Abimelech, king of Gerar, had unknowingly taken Abraham's wife. God appeared to him and warned him. The next morning, Abimelech gathered his servants and told them everything God had spoken.

In that moment, he functioned as God's messenger because he was delivering the word God had personally given him.

The Bible records:

"...and the men were sore afraid."

— **Genesis 20:8 (KJV)**

God's word produced dread.

It produced holy terror.

Jacob's Encounter with God

Another remarkable example is found in **Genesis 28:17**.

Jacob had spent the night at Bethel, where God appeared to him.

Unlike Adam or Abimelech, Jacob was not receiving judgment.

God came with reassurance.

He declared:

"I am the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac."

Then He renewed the covenant and gave Jacob glorious promises.

Naturally, one would expect Jacob to awaken rejoicing because he had received wonderful news.

Instead, the Bible says:

"And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

— **Genesis 28:17 (KJV)**

The overwhelming effect of encountering God was holy dread.

Jacob described the place as dreadful because he had encountered the living God.

The Most Awesome Personality

I would like you to understand something. The most awesome—and, in one sense, the most terrifying—Personality in existence is God Himself.

Until you truly come into the fear of God, the prophetic ministry will eventually become corrupted.

God said:

"Summon the people.

I want to speak to them personally so they may learn to fear Me all the days of their lives."

Then He gives the second reason:

"...that they may teach their children also."

The fear of God is meant to be preserved from one generation to another.

Satan's Strategy Is to Remove the Fear of God

Satan is determined to destroy people. One of his primary strategies is to remove the fear of God from their hearts. He removes holy dread. He removes reverence. He causes people to treat sacred things casually. He makes them handle holy things as though they were ordinary.

Because of this, demons have mobilized many preachers in our generation whose assignment is to persuade people that they no longer need reverence or holy fear before God.

Whenever the Bible speaks about the fear of God, many immediately insist:

"It doesn't mean terror.

It only means reverence.

God is loving."

Certainly, the fear of God includes reverence.

But I would also like you to understand that God is the most awesome Personality in existence.

If Satan wants to destroy your life, he first causes you to become careless with the things of God because he knows that, ultimately, you will destroy yourself.

The Holiness of God's Presence

Consider the Old Testament tabernacle.

If you examine the safety measures surrounding the Holy of Holies, perhaps the closest modern comparison would be the security protocols surrounding a nuclear reactor.

When someone is exposed to radioactive material, they do not need to perform any additional action.

Simple exposure is enough to destroy the body.

A story is told of a scientist who worked in such a facility.

One day, after finishing work, he removed all of his protective equipment and began walking toward his car.

Then he remembered that he had forgotten his keys inside the office near the reactor.

His desk was close to the entrance.

Instead of putting on every layer of protective clothing again, he calculated that he could quickly open the door, stretch in, pick up the key, and immediately close it.

He did exactly that.

Only his hand entered the room.

He retrieved the key successfully.

But before he reached his car, the flesh on that hand had already begun peeling away.

Such is the danger surrounding radioactive exposure.

Yet radioactive elements are only part of God's creation.

How much more awesome is the God who created them?

Approaching God Required Care

That is why God established strict regulations concerning access to His presence.

It was as though He said:

"If anyone is going to approach Me, they must do so according to My instructions."

Out of the entire nation, God separated one man—the high priest.

For an entire year, he observed strict requirements.

Then, on the Day of Atonement, he performed elaborate sacrifices and carried sacrificial blood into God's presence.

Even then, that was not enough.

He also carried carefully prepared incense and a golden censer filled with burning coals.

As he approached the Most Holy Place, he placed the incense upon the coals until a thick cloud filled the sanctuary.

The cloud covered him as he entered God's presence.

Even after all these elaborate preparations, there was still no absolute guarantee.

Tradition tells us that a rope was tied around the high priest so that if he died in the Holy of Holies, his body could be pulled out without anyone else entering.

Such was the overwhelming holiness of God's manifested presence.

The God Who Now Lives in You

Now consider this carefully.

That same God desires to dwell inside your heart.

Imagine the places you have carried Him.

Imagine the things you have exposed Him to.

This explains Paul's concern when writing to the church at Corinth:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

— **1 Corinthians 3:16 (KJV)**

Do you truly understand who dwells within you?

Do you understand the greatness of the One you carry?

A Dangerous Message in Our Generation

As I said earlier, Satan desires for people to destroy themselves.

Therefore, many preachers have been mobilized to persuade believers that the God of the Old Testament is somehow different from the God of the New Testament.

They present Him merely as a God who pampers.

A God who never judges.

A God who never disciplines.

They boldly proclaim:

"There is nothing to fear."

"He is only love."

Eventually they begin questioning the authority of Scripture itself.

First they say,

"Forget the Old Testament.

Focus only on the New Testament."

When the New Testament exposes their error, they say,

"Forget the Gospels.

Focus only on the Epistles."

When the Epistles confront their compromise, they continue narrowing the authority of Scripture.

Finally, they even begin criticizing portions of Paul's writings by claiming:

"Paul wrote that when he was still young in ministry.

He did not yet understand."

Step by step, they continue shifting the standard until they themselves become the final authority.

Today, there are preachers who openly tell people which portions of Scripture to accept and which portions to reject.

The situation has become so serious that influential voices now insist that the Bible is not the Word of God but merely *contains* the Word of God.

Their argument is this:

"Demons spoke in the Bible.

Animals spoke.

Human beings spoke.

God spoke.

Therefore, the entire Bible cannot be called the Word of God. Only the portions where God Himself is speaking are truly the Word of God."

At first glance, that argument may sound logical.

But before we become carried away by its apparent logic, I would like to expose the wickedness of that position.

Permit me to begin with a very simple illustration—one I often shared with my students.

Is the Bible the Word of God?

Let me give you a simple illustration.

How many of you remember, as children, returning from Christmas holidays and your teacher asking you to write an essay describing how you spent your vacation?

Imagine a little girl named Lucy.

Lucy writes about how her parents packed their belongings, got into the car, traveled to their village, and visited their grandmother and other relatives.

All of this forms part of Lucy's report.

Then she narrates that, early one morning, her grandmother went outside and saw someone stealing one of their goats.

Grandmother immediately shouted,

"Thief! Thief! Thief!"

Lucy faithfully records her grandmother's exact words.

The thief heard the shouting, fled, and was eventually caught by the neighbors.

As they seized him, he cried out,

"I didn't do anything! I didn't do anything!"

Lucy faithfully included the thief's words as well.

Because it was still early in the morning, their rooster crowed.

Lucy even included the rooster's sound in her report.

After everything settled down, Lucy asked her grandmother,

"Grandma, what happened?"

She also recorded her own question.

Finally, Lucy completed the report and submitted it to her teacher.

The teacher looked at it and awarded Lucy **zero out of one hundred**.

Lucy protested,

"Teacher, why did you fail me?"

The teacher replied,

"How can you claim this is your report?"

This is not your report.

It merely contains your report.

After all, your grandmother spoke.

The thief spoke.

The rooster made its sound.

You also spoke.

Therefore, this cannot be your report—it merely contains your words wherever you quoted yourself."

How do you think little Lucy would process such reasoning?

She would probably look at the teacher in utter disbelief.

That illustration demonstrates the absurdity of such a conclusion.

The Doctrine of Inspiration

Personally, I do not believe those preachers are ignorant.

Many of them have spent decades in ministry.

They know what Paul wrote to Timothy:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."

— **2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)**

They also know Peter's testimony:

"...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation... Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

— **2 Peter 1:20–21 (KJV)**

The Holy Spirit supervised the writing of Scripture.

That is the doctrine of inspiration.

The Bible is called **inspired** because the Holy Spirit guided its writing.

Therefore, the Bible is **the Word of God**.

It does not merely contain the Word of God whenever God Himself is directly speaking.

A Deliberate Assault on the Fear of God

I do not believe these preachers are gullible.

I do not believe they are unintelligent.

I do not believe they are simply uninformed.

Rather, this is an act of treachery.

It is a deliberate assault against the fear of God.

In doing so, they have consciously partnered with Satan to destroy reverence for God in the hearts of men.

The Warning of Revelation

Listen to the words of Jesus in **Revelation 22:18–19 (KJV)**:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

Then He continues:

"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city..."

These are not light words.

Some people do not realize that there are preachers who knowingly oppose God's truth.

Some have consciously entered into spiritual compromise.

Whether they fully understand the consequences or not, they are attempting to draw others into the same destruction.

But that will not be your portion.

Somebody say,

"Not me!"

The Book of Life

Remember what Jesus said to one of the churches in Revelation:

"He that overcometh... I will not blot out his name out of the book of life..."

— **Revelation 3:5 (KJV)**

That naturally raises an important question.

What happens if someone does **not** overcome?

I remember asking a Bible teacher this very question.

He was trying very hard to convince us that a genuinely saved believer **cannot** lose salvation.

Now, according to my own understanding of Scripture, a genuine believer **should not** lose salvation.

But that is a different question from saying they **cannot**.

Before that lecture began, the same teacher had led us in a devotion using **Revelation 3:5**.

So I asked him,

"Sir, I am struggling to reconcile your current position with the Scripture we just read."

He asked someone to read the passage again:

"He that overcometh... I will not blot out his name out of the book of life..."

Then I asked him three questions.

First:

"If someone is not genuinely saved, can their name ever be written in the Book of Life?"

He answered,

"No."

For a name to be written there, the person must truly belong to Christ.

My second question was:

"Can something be blotted out if it was never written there in the first place?"

Again he answered,

"No."

Then I asked my final question: "What happens if someone who was genuinely saved does not overcome?"

The classroom became completely silent. You could have heard a pin drop. The teacher stared at me for a long moment. Finally he replied, "Do not bring mathematics into the Bible."

The class burst into laughter. But for me, it was not amusing.

I simply replied, "Thank you, sir," and sat down. The point had already been made.

God's Warning Must Be Taken Seriously

Jesus said that anyone who removes words from the prophecy of this book risks losing his portion in the Book of Life. Remember what Revelation also declares:

"...whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

— **Revelation 20:15 (KJV)**

A prophet who has lost the fear of God's Word is walking the path of self-destruction.

The God of the New Testament

Some insist that the God of the New Testament is different—that New Testament believers should no longer approach Him with holy dread.

Let us examine **Hebrews 12:28–29 (KJV)**:

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:"

Why?

Because,

"For our God is a consuming fire."

Is this the Old Testament?

No.

This is the New Testament.

What Grace Teaches

The grace of God is often misunderstood.

According to **Titus 2:11–12 (KJV)**:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Grace teaches us to deny ungodliness.

Grace teaches us to reject worldly lusts.

Grace is never a license for rebellion.

Therefore, Hebrews says,

"...let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Notice those words.

With **reverence**.

With **godly fear**.

Knowing the Terror of the Lord

Now consider **2 Corinthians 5:10–11 (KJV)**:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..."

Some Bible teachers insist that this judgment concerns rewards only and has nothing to do with accountability.

But let Scripture speak for itself.

The passage continues:

"...that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Notice carefully.

It says **in his body**.

This challenges the popular idea that what we do with our bodies is spiritually insignificant.

Our actions matter.

Our conduct matters.

Then Paul concludes:

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."
— **2 Corinthians 5:11 (KJV)**

Notice the expression.

Not merely respect.

Not merely admiration.

Paul says,

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord..."

That is the persuasion I have come to bring this morning.

Do not allow anyone to deceive you.

The Tragedy of Eli's House

This was exactly what happened in the house of Eli.

God had established a covenant with his family.

He had declared that members of Eli's household would continually serve before Him as priests.

Eventually, they began taking God for granted.

They reasoned:

"God has already spoken.

His word cannot fail.

His covenant guarantees our future.

No matter how we behave, nothing can change it."

Many believers think the same way today.

"I am blood-bought.

I am washed.

God has already spoken over my life.

Nothing can change His promises."

But God replied:

"...Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

— 1 Samuel 2:30 (KJV)

Then God overturned the blessings that Eli's family had presumed upon.

He declared that no one in Eli's lineage would live to old age. Premature death would characterize the household. Those who remained alive would do so only to witness shame and reproach. A curse replaced what had once been a covenant of blessing.

Afterward, Ichabod was born. Ichabod himself became a priest. His descendants multiplied until they eventually inhabited the city of Nob.

God Is Both Dreadful and Good

The downfall of Eli's house teaches us a sobering lesson.

They were faithfully carrying out the priesthood. They were good people, serving God diligently, yet they never realized that a curse still rested upon their lineage.

Then Saul arose.

Because Ahimelech, one of Eli's descendants, gave Goliath's sword to David, Saul commanded Doeg to slaughter the entire village of Nob. Only one young man escaped—Abiathar.

Abiathar fled to David and remained with him throughout David's reign, faithfully serving as priest and bringing the word of the Lord. David prospered, and it appeared as though the judgment upon Eli's house had finally passed.

But when David grew old, Abiathar forgot that a prophetic judgment still rested upon his family.

He aligned himself with Adonijah.

That final act triggered the remaining portion of the judgment.

When Solomon ascended the throne, he said to Abiathar:

"I would have put thee to death, but because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all

wherein my father was afflicted, I will not at this time put thee to death."

(See 1 Kings 2:26–27, KJV.)

Abiathar's life was spared, but he was removed from the priesthood.

Then Scripture gives its own commentary:

"...So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli..."

(1 Kings 2:27, KJV.)

Why did this happen?

Because they had access to the voice of God, yet they treated Him lightly.

The God of the prophet is the One you must encounter personally so that you may learn His fear.

When you truly see who He is, wisdom will compel you to live in holy dread before Him.

The Whole Creation Trembles Before Him

Psalms 114 gives us a glimpse of what happens whenever God manifests His presence.

The mountains skipped like rams.

The hills leaped like lambs.

The sea fled.

The Jordan was driven back.

Then the psalmist asks:

"What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like

lambs?"

(Psalm 114:5–6, KJV.)

The answer immediately follows:

"Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob."

(Psalm 114:7, KJV.)

Creation itself cannot remain unmoved in His presence.

You would be wise to learn His fear.

That is why Ecclesiastes instructs us that when we come into the house of God, we should watch our steps and guard our words.

Many people do not truly know the God of the prophet.

When they hear His voice, they begin to think He is their equal.

Learn His Fear, But Also Learn His Heart

Someone may begin to think:

"If God is this dreadful, perhaps it is better to stay away from Him. Maybe He is simply a terrifying tyrant."

No.

You must know Him properly.

Jeremiah 9:23–24 says:

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD."

When you learn His fear, you must also learn His character.

You must know His nature.

God declares that He exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness.

The English Standard Version renders it:

"I am the LORD who practices steadfast love..."

The Hebrew word translated **lovingkindness** is *hesed*.

It is one of the richest covenant words in the Old Testament.

No single English word fully captures its meaning.

It speaks of steadfast love.

It speaks of mercy.

It speaks of kindness.

It speaks of covenant faithfulness.

It describes God's unwavering commitment to those with whom He has entered covenant.

God is saying:

"I am committed to loving you."

"I am committed to showing you kindness."

"I have bound Myself by covenant to remain faithful."

Nothing changes My commitment.

That is why, even when Israel repeatedly rebelled, although God brought judgment upon them, He continually remembered His covenant.

Again and again He would say:

"Your rebellion deserves judgment, but I remember My covenant with Abraham."

This is the very dimension Paul celebrates when he writes:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"
(*Romans 8:35, KJV.*)

Neither life nor death.

Neither angels nor principalities.

Neither things present nor things to come.

Nothing can separate us from the covenant love of God.

God Himself says:

"In these things I delight."

He delights in practicing covenant love.

He delights in justice.

He delights in righteousness.

A Prophet Must Reflect God's Character

If you are going to speak for God, your life must reflect His character.

You cannot claim to represent Him while living contrary to His nature.

You cannot be a prophet and be wicked.

You cannot be a prophet and remain proud.

You cannot be a prophet and be without mercy.

You cannot exploit God's people simply because you stand behind a pulpit.

The One who speaks through you delights in lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness.

Therefore, those who bear His voice must reflect His heart.

Prayer

Can we rise and pray?

Lift your voice and begin to speak to the Lord.

Express your heart before Him.

Tell Him: "You are the covenant-keeping God."

"You never forsake Your covenant."

"You remain faithful forever."

Pray:

"Lord, make me like You."

"Teach me Your fear."

"Teach me Your mercy."

"Teach me Your righteousness."

"Baptize me with Your Spirit."

"I do not want to take You for granted."

A Covenant of Holy Fear

Wherever you are in this hall, this may be the moment to enter into covenant with God.

There is an unusual intensity of God's presence. Take advantage of this moment.

The Bible says that when Abraham entered into covenant with God, as the sun was going down, a great dread fell upon him. Then he saw the smoking furnace pass between the divided sacrifices, and God spoke. Lift your voice and pray:

"Lord Jesus, I covenant to fear You."

"I covenant to walk in holy reverence all the days of my life."

"I will fear You."

"I will teach Your fear to my children."

"The fear of the Lord leads to life." "The Spirit of the fear of the Lord is one of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit."

Ask God for an impartation.

Pray:

"Lord, baptize me with the Spirit of the fear of the Lord."

"Cause me to know Your fear."

"Cause me to know Your dread."

"Cause me to revere Your holy name."

"You are merciful, and I do not want to treat You casually."

Prayer for Deliverance

Perhaps, under the guise of ministry, you have been exposed to a strange spirit.

Perhaps someone laid hands on you, and since that day your life has never remained the same.

Perhaps you began to struggle with strange desires that were never part of your life before.

Perhaps you know there is a strange deposit working within you.

If that describes you, cry out to God today.

Say:

"O God, deliver me."

"Break every strange influence."

"Remove every ungodly impartation."

"Let every deposit that is not of Your Spirit be uprooted."

"Fill me instead with the Spirit of the fear of the Lord."

Amen.

Prayer of Repentance and Separation

If you have been exposed to a strange spirit, cry out to the Lord today.

Pray:

"Lord, deliver me from every abomination."

"I repent for consulting what was not You."

"I repent for seeking counsel from an abomination."

"Have mercy on me."

"Have mercy on me."

"Have mercy on me."

Ask the Lord to separate every strange influence from your life.

Pray:

"Let every stranger be separated from my life."

"Every strange spirit I contacted, let it be separated from me."

Believe that the hand of God is upon you even now, bringing divine separation.

A separation is taking place.

Every strange influence is being cut off.

In the name of Jesus Christ, every unlawful deposit is commanded to leave.

Go, in the name of Jesus.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Prayer for the Graduating Students

All graduating students, lift up your hands before the Lord.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask that Your Spirit rest upon these ones as they step into their assignments.

Let them bear Your name with honor.

Let them never bring reproach to Your name.

Let there be an impartation of Your Spirit.

An impartation of Your grace.

An impartation of Your power.

Wherever you are—whether in this auditorium or joining online—that same grace is available to you.

If you desire it, receive it now.

Lord, let that impartation begin to rest upon Your people.

Let Your fire fall.

Let there be purging.

Let there be intensity.

Let Your presence become weightier upon every life.

There has been too much scandal across the landscape of ministry.

Raise a new generation that will bear Your name with honor.

Raise a generation that will restore the fear of God to society.

Raise a generation that will restore the authority of Scripture to the Church.

Let that impartation come.

Thank You, Father.

A Prayer of Ordination

I now invite the Vice President to release a prayer over the graduates.

You shall put on the garment of your ordination.

Your true ordination comes upon you today.

Your life shall become the definition of a man or woman empowered by God.

The field to which you are returning is not empty.

You are going back to possess territory for the Kingdom.

Therefore, let power come upon you.

The weapons of your warfare are not carnal.

God places gifts upon His servants.

He places graces upon His servants.

Some of you are returning to spiritual battle.

You will pull down strongholds.

You will dismantle infrastructures of darkness.

You will establish the Kingdom of God where He sends you.

May the hand of the Lord rest upon you.

May His power remain upon you.

You shall return carrying the shout of a King within your spirit.

You shall return with holy boldness.

You shall return with spiritual authority.

May God place upon you a healing anointing that will validate your ministry.

May healing fire burn through your life.

May healing virtue flow through your hands.

No soldier goes to war at his own expense.

Therefore, you shall not labor in your own strength.

You shall do the work of God by divine empowerment.

The hand of the Lord is upon you.

You will speak His words, and God Himself will stand with you.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

An Upgrade by Grace

Today there is an upgrade.

Just as Jacob elevated Ephraim and Manasseh to stand alongside Reuben, Judah, and the other tribes, so today the Lord grants increase.

You shall walk in wisdom beyond your years.

You shall operate in understanding that cannot be explained merely by experience.

Your life shall fulfill the expectations in the heart of God.

You shall satisfy God's purpose for your generation.

Because the steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord, we secure your steps today by His mercy.

You shall arrive at the right place at the right time.

You shall discover your assignment early.

You shall settle into your purpose without unnecessary delay.

Every distraction is removed from your path in the name of Jesus.

You shall remain established in the life God has ordained for you.

He shall continually reveal to you the path of life.

You will not waste your years.

We rebuke every wandering spirit.

You shall be planted.

You shall flourish.

You shall blossom.

You shall bear fruit—

fruit that God Himself can acknowledge.

Today, I prophesy again:

There is an upgrade for you.

The men and women you have admired from afar—the lives that made you wonder what manner of people they are—you shall receive grace to walk in that same dimension.

Your life shall produce similar Kingdom results.

In the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

A Call to Mercy Ministry

There is someone here carrying a burden in your heart.

That orphanage.

That home for vulnerable children.

Go and begin it.

Do not postpone it.

Mother Teresa occupied a ministry of mercy, but now God is raising sons and daughters to carry that burden by His Spirit.

Go and begin.

Go and start that work. Kings will arise from that place. Children who lost their fathers and mothers through no fault of their own shall encounter God's compassion through your obedience. God will raise fathers and mothers for them because of the destinies He has placed upon their lives.

May the Lord establish you.

May He give you discernment to recognize what truly matters while others overlook it.

You shall discover today what others will only discover years from now.

That shall become your wisdom.

Remain faithful to what God has spoken.

Among the sons of Jacob there are still vacant places prepared by God.

Step into yours.

He is waiting to receive you.

A Prophetic Warning About Prosperity

I perceive something concerning one of you.

It is weighty, but may God grant you mercy.

The speed with which wealth will come into your life will be astonishing.

I am speaking about extraordinary prosperity.

Therefore, become accountable now.

Hide yourself in humility.

Submit yourself to wise counsel before that season arrives.

Whether you feel ready or not, something significant is coming.

Your accountability will become your safety.

The weight of what God is bringing into your hands will require wisdom to carry.

As you gain experience, learn from those who have walked before you.

There is safety in wisdom.

There is safety in accountability.

The Lord will preserve you until your character is strong enough to sustain His blessings.

He will establish you while you carry the weight of His glory.

Closing Blessing

Now lift your voice and give the Lord a shout of praise. There is a storehouse of living water. There is an abundant supply of the Spirit of God.

May the Lord bless you. May you do well.

May your life turn out according to His purpose.

May every right step you take be reinforced by another right step.

May the Lord establish your path.

Congratulations.

The Lord bless you.

Congratulations to every graduate.



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