

WHAT IS THE TERROR OF THE LORD?

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2 Corinthians 5

1. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
3. If so be that being clothed we shall **not** be found naked.
4. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: **not** for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**
5. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.
6. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:
7. **(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**
8. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
9. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.
10. For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ;** that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, **whether it be good or bad.**
11. **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord,** we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are **made manifest in your consciences.**
12. For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.
13. For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.
14. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
15. And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.
16. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.
17. Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**
18. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
19. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, **not imputing their trespasses unto them;** and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: **we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.**

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Romans 13:3-6, “For rulers are **not a terror to good works, but to the evil.** Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? **do that which is good,** and thou shalt have praise of the same: For **he is the minister of God to thee for good.** But **if thou do that which is evil, be afraid;** for **he beareth not the sword in vain:** for **he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.** Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for



wrath, but also **for conscience sake**. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for **they are God's ministers**, attending continually upon this very thing.”

1 Peter 3:13-15, “And who is he that will harm you, if ye **be followers of that which is good**? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and **be not afraid of their terror**, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear**.”

Terror - Genesis 35:5; Leviticus 26:16; Deuteronomy 34:12; Joshua 2:9; Job 31:23; Psalms 91:5; Isaiah 10:33-34; Isaiah 19:17; Isaiah 33:17-19; Isaiah 54:13-14; Jeremiah 17:15-18; Ezekiel 26:15-21; Ezekiel 27:8-36; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Ezekiel 32:22-32;

Terrible: Deuteronomy 10:16-18; Song of Songs 6:1-10; Isaiah 13:10-13; Jeremiah 15:21; Jeremiah 20:11; Joel 2:11, 31; Zephaniah 2:11; Hebrews 12:18-24.

Terribly: Isaiah 2:16-22.

Terrifying: Not Found

Fear (fear of the Lord): Job 28:28; Psalms 19:9; Psalms 34:11; Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 9:10; Proverbs 10:27; Proverbs 14:26; Proverbs 14:27; Proverbs 15:33; Proverbs 16:6; Proverbs 19:23; Proverbs 22:4; Proverbs 23:17; Isaiah 11:2-3; Isaiah 33:6; Acts 9:31.

Horror: Genesis 15:12; Psalms 55:3-5; Psalms 119:52-53.

Horrid: Not Found

Dread: Deuteronomy 2:25; Deuteronomy 11:25; Isaiah 8:11-15.

Dreadful: Genesis 28:16-21; Job 15:20-25; Daniel 9:4; Habakkuk 1:6-12; Malachi 1:14; Malachi 4:5.

Dreadfully: Not Found

Distress: Psalms 18:6; Psalms 118:5; Psalms 120:1; Proverbs 1:25-33; Obadiah 1:12-16; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Luke 21:22-28; (Luke 21:5-36); Romans 8:35-39; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10.

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Indignation: Psalms 78:43-51; Isaiah 34:2; Isaiah 66:14; Jeremiah 10:10; Jeremiah 15:17; Jeremiah 50:25; Ezekiel 21:28-32; Ezekiel 22:31; Daniel 8:19; Daniel 11:36; Zephaniah 3:8; Zechariah 1:12; Romans 2:8-9; Hebrews 10:26-31; (Hebrews 10:38-39); Revelation 14:9-11.

Wrath (wrath of God): Psalms 78:31; John 3:36; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; Revelation 15:1; Revelation 15:7; Revelation 16:1; (Revelation 16:1-21).

How does this fit into the text? John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” We escaped from the wrath of God: Psalms 124:7, “**Our soul is escaped** as a bird out of **the snare** of the fowlers: **the snare is broken, and we are escaped**.” 2 Peter 1:4, “Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped** the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

James 5:19-20, “Brethren, if any of you do **err from the truth**, and one **convert him**; Let him know, that **he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death**, and **shall hide a multitude of sins.**” 2 Timothy 2:24-26, “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those **that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; And that **they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**” John 1:12-13, “But **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**” John 3:6-7, “**That which is born of the flesh is flesh**; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**” 1 John 3:9, “Whosoever is **born of God doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**”

So WHERE is the TERROR of the LORD? **NOT on the Church! But on the LOST:**

NONE escaped the Terror of the Lord: Lamentations 2:22, “Thou hast called as in a solemn **day my terrors** round about, so that in **the day of the LORD'S anger none escaped** nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.”

1 John 3:8, “**He that committeth sin is of the devil**; for **the devil sinneth from the beginning.** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that **he might destroy the works of the devil.**”

John 8:44, “**Ye are of your father the devil**, and **the lusts of your father ye will do.** He was **a murderer from the beginning**, and **abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaketh **a lie, he speaketh of his own**: for **he is a liar**, and **the father of it.**”

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12, “And then shall **that Wicked be revealed**, whom **the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth**, and **shall destroy with the brightness of his coming**: Even him, **whose coming is after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with **all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish**; because **they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** And **for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**”

Revelation 20:11-14, “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw **the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works.** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.**” Revelation 21:8, “But **the fearful**, and **unbelieving**, and **the abominable**, and **murderers**, and **whoremongers**, and **sorcerers**, and **idolaters**, and **all liars**, shall **have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**”

Revelation 14:9-11, “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image**, and **receive his mark in his forehead**, or **in his hand**, The same shall drink of the wine of **the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of **his indignation**; and he **shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels**, and **in the presence of the Lamb**: And **the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever**: and they have **no rest day nor night**, who worship the beast and his image, and **whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**”



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Ezekiel 26:21, “I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.”

Ezekiel 27:36, “The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt be any more.”

Ezekiel 28:19, “All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.”

Someone IS the TERROR of the Lord. I know who it is, do YOU?

Isaiah 14:12-17, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit**. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?”

Revelation 20:1-3, “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And **cast him into the bottomless pit**, and **shut him up**, and **set a seal upon him**, that **he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled**: and **after that he must be loosed a little season**.” And Revelation 20:7, “And **when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison**,” with Revelation 20:10, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

It is the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan that is the TERROR of the Lord. Of whom WE (the Church) have clean escaped from by the Blood of Lord Jesus Christ: Colossians 1:12-14, “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and **hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**: **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**.” with Colossians 1:18, “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.” With Colossians 1:21-22, “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.” with Romans 3:24-26, “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, **through the forbearance of God**; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that **he** might be **just**, and **the justifier** of him **which believeth in Jesus**.”

The End

