

## The Terror Of The Lord

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Oh may God, in His grace, open our eyes to the ‘terror of the Lord’.

The bible says that the wicked, every time they sin, treasure up unto themselves “...wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds.” (Romans 2:5-6) It says, in the Psalms, that when Christ comes back to rule the nations he will break the teeth of the ungodly, smite them upon the cheek bone and dash them into pieces like a potter’s vessel. The bible declares, “...God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11) If we, our friends, our family and all of mankind, do not bow now then they will bow at the end of time when their knee caps are broken by Him who will rule the nations with a rod of iron. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11) It says in Revelation and Isaiah that Jesus, when the day of God’s vengeance has come, will run through the wicked with a scythe and their blood, as He tramples upon them as grapes in a wine press, will stain His white garments.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9) “...As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die...?” (Ezekiel 33:11) God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked but, because of His goodness, He will see to it that all the workers of iniquity are cast down and unable to rise (Psalm 36:12).

“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6) The literal Greek translates this verse more strongly: “...God rages himself against the proud...” The bible says, “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2) Life is a puff of smoke, appearing for a little while, and then vanishing away (James 4:14).

If you look throughout the Old Testament at the judgment of God upon sin, it is frightening. The bible says, in Hebrews 12, that we, because we are under a better covenant, will be judged more severely! It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorra, in the day of God's judgment, than for the wicked Jesus said!

Beloved - friends, family and souls whom we do not know are going to a lost eternity; there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 22:13). "...God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:17-18) We live in the day of grace but soon the day will be finished, the door will be closed and the day of God's vengeance will be here. "...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (2 Corinthians 5:11)

You might not be called, specifically, to be an evangelist but you are still called to "...do the work of an evangelist..." (2 Timothy 4:5); we are all called to be witnesses and warn men and women "...to flee from the wrath to come..." (Matthew 3:7) "...saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

Listen to the words of Keith Green in his song, "Asleep In The Light."

Do you see, do you see, all the people sinking down,

Don't you care, don't you care, are you gonna let them drown,

How can you be so numb, not to care if they come,

You close your eyes and pretend the job's done.

Oh Bless me Lord, bless me Lord, you know it's all I ever hear,

No one aches, no one hurts, no one even sheds one tear,

But He cries, He weeps, He bleeds, and He cares for your needs,

And you just lay back and keep soaking it in, oh, can't you see it's such sin?

Cause He brings people to your door,

And you turn them away, as you smile and say,

God bless you, be at peace, and all Heaven just weeps,

Cause Jesus came to your door, you've left Him out on the streets.

Open up, open up, and give yourself away,

You've seen the need, you hear the cry, so how can you delay,

God's calling and you're the one, but like Jonah you run,

He's told you to speak, but you keep holding it in,

Oh, can't you see it's such sin?

The world is sleeping in the dark,

That the church can't fight, cause it's asleep in the light,

How can you be so dead, when you've been so well fed,

Jesus rose from the grave, and you, you can't even get out of bed,

Oh, Jesus rose from the dead, come on, get out of your bed.

How can you be so numb, not to care if they come,

You close your eyes and pretend the job's done,

You close your eyes and pretend the job's done,

Don't close your eyes, don't pretend the job's done.

Come away, come away, come away with Me, My love,

Come away, from this mess, come away with Me, My love.

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