The Cowardly and Unbelieving

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Study

Many a times we have heard about the word fear or coward and also the word unbelieve, so today we would be looking at these words from scriptural perspectives.

Our Bible text talks about these set of people that they would later have their parts in the lake of fire. One must have thought that, these shouldn't have warranted this kind of punishment, but it was mentioned among other grievous sins, that is to tell us that there is no little sin before the Lord. Sin is sin and it's reward is punishment.

What does it mean to be a coward?

A coward is someone who is too afraid to do what is right or expected, or who is not at all brave or courageous. From this we know that courage is the opposite of fear, as believers we are to be courageous always if our ways should please The Lord, that is why the psalmist said **Proverbs 28:1 (**Amp) THE WICKED flee when no man pursues them, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion. Fear brings compromise, so if we are always fearful it means that we not in the right standing with God. Fear does not allow people stand for the truth of the Gospel wherever they find themselves, especially in our world today, because many fear of being persecuted and rejected, they are afraid to do what is right. The spirit that causes fear in the lives of people is not The Spirit of God, It's the strategy of the devil to take away the peace God has given unto us as believers. **2 Timothy 1:7 (**Amp) For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, timidity, cowardice then we know

that it's from the devil and any spirit from the devil is unclean, and The Bible says no unclean thing would enter the kingdom of God, so if people with these unclean spirits cannot enter the kingdom of God because of the pollution it has caused into their lives then the lake of fire is their destination. That is why we must not accommodate fear in our lives, Fear attacks our calmness, it causes unbalanced mind, the moment the spirit of fear is manifesting in the life of a man such a man would always be troubled and will not be able to see the power of God in every situation and circumstances they find themselves. There are some Christians who cannot sleep in the house alone due to fear, some can't travel alone, some cannot preach The Word of God boldly because they fear the unknown. Some people get heart attack when they fall sick and the doctors gives them a report according to medical wisdom and not according to supernatural omnipotent wisdom of Christ, so even before death shows up, they die because of fear.

Fear weakens our faith in God, The Bible says that our lives are hidden in Christ, so why should you be afraid. Why most Christians fear these days is because they still love their lives than Christ, If truly we know that our lives are not ours but Christ and we are in right standing with Him what is written in **Psalm 91:5-6 KJV** Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; [6] Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

What is unbelieve?

It is feeling or showing that you do not believe something. Most people live in constant unbelieve, there are many people who do not believe in Christ due to the spirit of unbelieve living in them, unbelieve in Christ is the same as rejecting Christ. Children of God are to grow from faith to faith because we can only live by faith, the coward and the unbelieving have no part with God. **John 3:36 KJV** 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. Before a man can have a part in God such must not live in unbelieve, when we don't believe God and His word then we make Him a liar. Faith goes a long way to see that we come to God, **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. We have to believe in the existence of God before we would be able to

know Him more. Although whether we believe His existence or not it does not change the fact that He exists. Cowards who refuse to believe The Lord Jesus Christ for whatever reason are operating under the wrath of God.

Who are the cowards and the unbelieving

1. Those who know the truth but refuse to obey because of fear of what people will say.

2. Those who prefer to blend with the world and it's systems so that they will not be labeled as fanatics.

3. Those who do not believe The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

4. Those who do not believe in the work of redemption done by The Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Those who claim to belong to God publicly but use diabolical powers either personally or in ministry.

6. Those who allow the fear of man or Satan to stop them from doing what God wants or what is expected of them.

7. Those who claim The Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior secretly but refuse to acknowledge Him publicly because of fear.

8. Those who do not obey the command of God to preach the gospel because of fear.

9. Those who abandon God because of their experience in life which they feel God did not intervene on time.

10. Those who refuse to believe in God because of what their Pastors did wrong or when they discovered the source of the pastors power and anointing.

11. Those who fear generally instead of relying on God.

12. Those who are anxious or worry unnecessarily instead of relying on God and casting their cares upon God.

13. The who pretend to be Christians when they are in the midst of true

Christians and when they are in the midst of unbelievers they join them in their spiritual and physical activities.

14. Those who join the multitudes to do evil because of fear of persecution.

15. Those who blaspheme The Name of Christ when tough situations arises.

Solution to Fearfulness and Unbelieve

1. **Genuine Salvation:** This is the first step to take in overcoming fear and unbelieve, a man who do not have Christ would constantly live in fear and unbelieve because the devil will continually rule his life.

2. **Determine not to compromise, always obey God:** It takes determination through the help of The Holy Spirit to continue in the faith without compromise, The Lord does not want us to be moved by anything not to talk of turning our backs on Him. So you must resolute in taking a firm stand for Him, and constantly tell Him to help you.

3. **Study and meditate on The Word of God**: This is important if you must build your faith which will eradicate fear and unbelieve. The more you study The Word of God the more your faith gets stronger because you'd read about others in the past like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elijah, Elisha, King Asa, David, Solomon, Ruth, Deborah, Sarah, Hannah, Paul, Peter, John etc who believed in God and finally ended well, you'd see their struggles, challenges, failures, successes and victories through God and this would create strong convictions in your heart that God can also see you through to the end.

4. **Believe what The Word of God says:** This is where many people are getting it wrong, they choose to believe only the parts that favor them, you have to believe everything and do what it says, you can not pin point the aspect you want to believe in God's word. It would weaken your faith instead of building it.

5. **Do personal deliverance to cast out the Spirit of Fear and Unbelieve:** During deliverance renounce darkness in all its forms - spiritually and physically. Some people do not believe in deliverance which is totally wrong, without deliverance there cannot be holiness. **Obadiah 1:17 KJV** But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall

possess their possessions. Deliverance from sin through the blood of Jesus, deliverance from unclean spirits through the blood of Jesus etc. Do personal deliverance regularly with the blood of Jesus to be totally cleanse from all blemishes

6. **Ask for the power of The Holy Spirit on daily basis:** Always ask God to strengthen you, empower you and make you too hot for the forces of darkness. Ask The Holy Spirit to increase your knowledge and wisdom so as to be able to handle situations as God wants them. Always tell The Lord to cleanse you both within and without and that everything that He did not plant in you should be uprooted.

This is where we would end our teaching for today, Thanks for your time and God bless you

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