
Subject: Another one from Tomax

Posted by [Anonymous Please](#) on Fri, 03 Mar 2006 00:45:51 GMT

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Here's a recent one from the Tomax website. This guy seems to be pretty sure of himself. Your comments are welcome, just remember I'm the messenger not the teacher....ok?

Here goes.....

March 2006 - I found your website interesting I attended Faith Assembly from 1972-1987. You say you set under the teaching and were there 8 times. You seem to have some insight on what went on, but not much. You had to go there and you had to agree 100% with teaching to be in good standings. My wife and I did that .

Agree with every word that came out of the "Prophet's" mouth. We left in '87 what a breath of fresh air. I am not bitter about experience we had. I knew all the ministers and find it interesting how it has unraveled. The faith concept is correct, it needs common sense mixed with it. Hobart Freeman was the problem, he was not in touch with his followers and made many recorded statements that were way off the chart.

I did all the studies, Hebrew, Greek, and everything that was offered. After leaving I found out I was not superior to any other Christian. God still loves us and I have found purpose in life that living Christianity is better than just talking and studying the "deep" things of God. I hope that for many who left that they get mental healing, I still see some former FA people that can't figure it out. Gods grace, mercy, and love were not a part of FA teaching. Interesting website brought back many memories.

- Mark M.

Subject: The Fear of God keeping us in line...

Posted by [william](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 17:25:41 GMT

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Quote: ... uh...no one else even touches upon Hebrews 12:29 ~ Our God is a consuming fire. or Proverbs 9:20....the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. How many other references to I need to pull in order to make the point that it is the fear of God, that keeps men in line? Gen. 20:11, Psalm 36:1, Romans 3:18, 2 Cor. 7:1, and finally..... Ephesians 5 : 21 ~ ...submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

This is an interesting concept and I think I know what you mean but let me delve a little into the fear/love aspect of Christianity.

If I remember correctly Brother Freeman made the statement once about salvation being a result of the fear of God in a person's life and not as a result of the love *for* God. He went on to say that if your experience was not a result of the fear of God your salvation was suspect. (Maybe it was in the Bottom Line or Numbering Your Days? For those archivists who might want to look it up!)

I remember at the time I had not heard this and re-examined my own salvation experience. I came to the conclusion that my initial salvation experience might have been the result of fear (I say "might" only because I don't remember clearly my frame of mind) but I think that walking out my salvation was more a result of my love for God and not fear. Elements of fear were present at different times but I would say that predominately the reason I continue to walk out my salvation experience (with fear and trembling) is because of 1)His love for me and 2)My love for Him and not because I fear the consequences.

Thoughts anyone?

William

Subject: Re: The Fear of God keeping us in line...

Posted by [Anonymous Please](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 17:36:35 GMT

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My experience was like this. It was fear that lead me to him and now its love that makes me serve him.

However the only reason I feared him was that grace was given to me so my eyes were opened to see what a miserable wretch I was. Without that grace I never would have had that Godly fear that leads to repentance.

Subject: Re: The Fear of God keeping us in line...

Posted by [mark1124](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 19:27:19 GMT

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A great big hearty amen to that Rueben. The problem is...how many really do have the fear of God in their lives?

Mark

Subject: Re: Another one from Tomax
Posted by [tomax7](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 17:40:14 GMT
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Sure of myself? Well not really, I used to very introverted and insecure.

More like Phil 4:13..."I can do all things through Christ"

Someone mentioned about not seeing any miracles at FA, well I am one, I can stand up for myself now. I actually teach at colleges and various training centres...that means standing up in front of people and teaching.

Guess that isn't too spectacular, but I know inside me things have changed because of Jesus and His Blood.

cheers
tom
