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May God Put the Fear of the Lord Back in Our Hearts

“Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.” — Psalm 86:11, NKJV



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There is a difference between fearing people and fearing God. When we fear people, we ask, “What will they say? What will they think? What if they find out?” When we fear God, the question becomes, “Lord, does this honour You?”

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“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” — Proverbs 9:10, NKJV

The fear of the Lord is not a terror that drives us away from Him. It is holy reverence: recognising who God is, loving Him, and caring deeply about what matters to Him. Perhaps this is one of the things our generation most urgently needs. We do not simply need women who know how to look Christian. We need women who sincerely desire to live like Christ.

Joseph Had a Choice

Whenever I think about choosing God when nobody is watching, I think about Joseph. He was young, far from home and living through circumstances he had never chosen. His brothers had rejected him, he had been sold into slavery, and he found himself serving in Egypt. Yet Scripture tells us that the Lord was with him.

Then came a temptation that could have changed the direction of his life. Potiphar’s wife persistently tried to draw him into sexual sin. Joseph could have reasoned, “Nobody will know,” or, “I have already suffered enough.” Instead, his response revealed what governed his heart.

“How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” — Genesis 39:9, NKJV

Joseph’s first concern was not merely whether Potiphar or other people might discover the sin. His concern was that it would be sin against God.

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That is the heart I pray God continues to form in me, and in every brother and sister in Christ: a heart that obeys not only because people are watching, but because God is worthy of our obedience.

When the temptation became physical, Joseph did not remain to negotiate with it. He left his garment in her hand and fled from the house (Genesis 39:12). Sometimes holiness is less complicated than we make it. There are conversations we must leave, relationships we may need to surrender, messages we should not send and doors we should stop reopening.

“Flee sexual immorality.” – 1 Corinthians 6:18, NKJV

Paul does not tell believers to test how close they can come to sin without falling. He says to flee. He gives Timothy the same pattern: “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22, NKJV). There are two movements here. We flee what corrupts us, and we pursue what draws us nearer to Christ. Biblical fleeing is not cowardice. At times, leaving is an act of courage and obedience.

Obedience Is Not Always Easy

I want to be honest. There have been moments in my own life when doing what I knew was right before God was not the easiest choice. Following Jesus does not mean every decision will feel comfortable. Sometimes obedience means saying no when everything in you wants to say yes. At other times, it means releasing something you prayed for because God is showing you that it is not good for you.

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People may not understand. They may call you foolish, say you are taking God too seriously, or insist that “everybody does it.” But I have learned that what everybody is doing can never be the standard for a child of God. Our standard is Jesus and His Word.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” — Romans 12:2, NKJV

The world often tells us, “If it makes you happy, do it.” Yet the deeper question is whether it leads us toward holiness. The world says, “Follow your heart,” while Scripture warns that the human heart can be deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus calls us to surrender. That is where faith becomes visible, not only in what we say on Sunday, but in what we choose when Monday comes.

Grace Calls Us Out of Sin

God has also been teaching me that His correction is not rejection. When He brings something in my heart into the light, He is not humiliating me. He is calling me toward healing, freedom and maturity. There were reactions, fears and ways of handling disappointment that I once accepted as simply part of who I was. Through Scripture, prayer and conviction, God began showing me that some things I had normalised were precisely the things He wanted to transform. That is the beauty of grace. Grace does not pretend that sin does not matter. Grace tells us that, through Christ, sin no longer has to rule us. “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!” — Romans 6:1–2, NKJV

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Grace is not permission to remain where God is calling us to change. It gives us room to repent, to rise again and to walk differently. When we stumble, we do not have to hide from God or remain on the ground.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” — 1 John 1:9, NKJV

In Jesus there is forgiveness, mercy and restoration. Conviction draws us back to Him; condemnation tells us to hide from Him. The Holy Spirit exposes sin so that we may repent and be restored, not so that we may believe we are beyond the reach of God’s mercy.

Daniel Decided Before the Pressure Came

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.” — Daniel 1:8, NKJV

Daniel settled the matter in his heart before the pressure intensified. There is wisdom in doing the same. Do not wait until temptation has surrounded you before deciding what you believe.

Decide that you will not compromise your relationship with God for attention. Do not surrender purity because you fear someone may leave. Refuse to lie merely to protect your reputation, or to join in gossip so that you can fit in. Guard your heart against bitterness. Decide, before the pressure comes, that Jesus is worth more.

When we know where we stand, we do not need to renegotiate our convictions every time temptation appears. This does not make us self-righteous or dependent on our own strength. It means we have settled whom we belong to, and we remain dependent upon the Holy Spirit to help us stand.

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The Secret Place Still Matters

God has been reminding me that our private lives matter. The prayer nobody hears matters. The forgiveness nobody applauds matters. The temptation resisted when no one else would have known matters. The tears cried before God matter. Time spent in His Word when nobody is watching matters.

“Your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.” — Matthew 6:4, NKJV

People may see the testimony but never know the tears. They may see the book but never know the years of prayer behind it. They may see the woman standing today and never know the battles through which God carried her. That is all right, because God saw it all.

He saw the hidden tears.

He heard the prayers.

He received the surrender.

He was present when you wanted to give up.

And He sees the choices you are making now.

A Prayer for Us

My prayer for every woman reading this is simple: may God restore a holy fear of the Lord in our hearts. Not a fear that makes us run away from Him, but reverence that causes us to draw near, listen and obey. May we ask before each decision, “Lord, does this honour You?” May we have Joseph’s courage to flee temptation, Daniel’s settled resolve

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not to defile himself, and the humility to repent when we are wrong. May we recognise the difference between the conviction that leads us back to Jesus and the condemnation that drives us into hiding. And may we never become so comfortable with sin that we stop responding when the Holy Spirit corrects us through the truth of God's Word.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” — Psalm 51:10, NKJV

That is my prayer too. Lord, begin in me. Search me. Correct me. Heal me. Change me. Restore me. Make my private life honour You as sincerely as my public life.

When the applause is gone and the opinions of people no longer matter, God will still be there. I want my life to please Him. Not because I was perfect, but because when He brought something to light, I was willing to surrender it to Him.

“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.” — 2 Corinthians 5:9, NKJV

May that become our aim: not to impress people, protect an image or merely appear holy, but genuinely to belong to Jesus. There is something beautiful about a woman who knows that God sees her and still chooses obedience. She may not always be understood or celebrated. At times, she may feel that she walks alone, but she is never abandoned. God is with her.

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Until Next Month

My sister, before you close these pages, ask yourself one honest question: Who am I when nobody is watching?

Then take the answer to Jesus. Do not hide from Him. Let Him work in the secret places. Let Him correct, heal and restore you. Holiness is not an attempt to earn God's love. It is the fruit of belonging to Christ, loving Him and responding to His call with a surrendered heart.

Lord, I choose You.

**Even when it costs me.
Even when nobody sees.
Even when nobody understands.
I choose You.**

May our lives become living testimonies that nothing in this world is worth exchanging for the presence of God.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” — Matthew 5:8, NKJV

Until next month, keep moving, keep praying, keep your heart surrendered and, above all, keep choosing Jesus.



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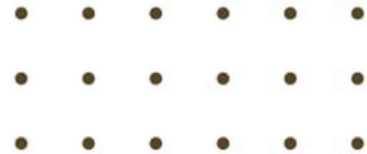
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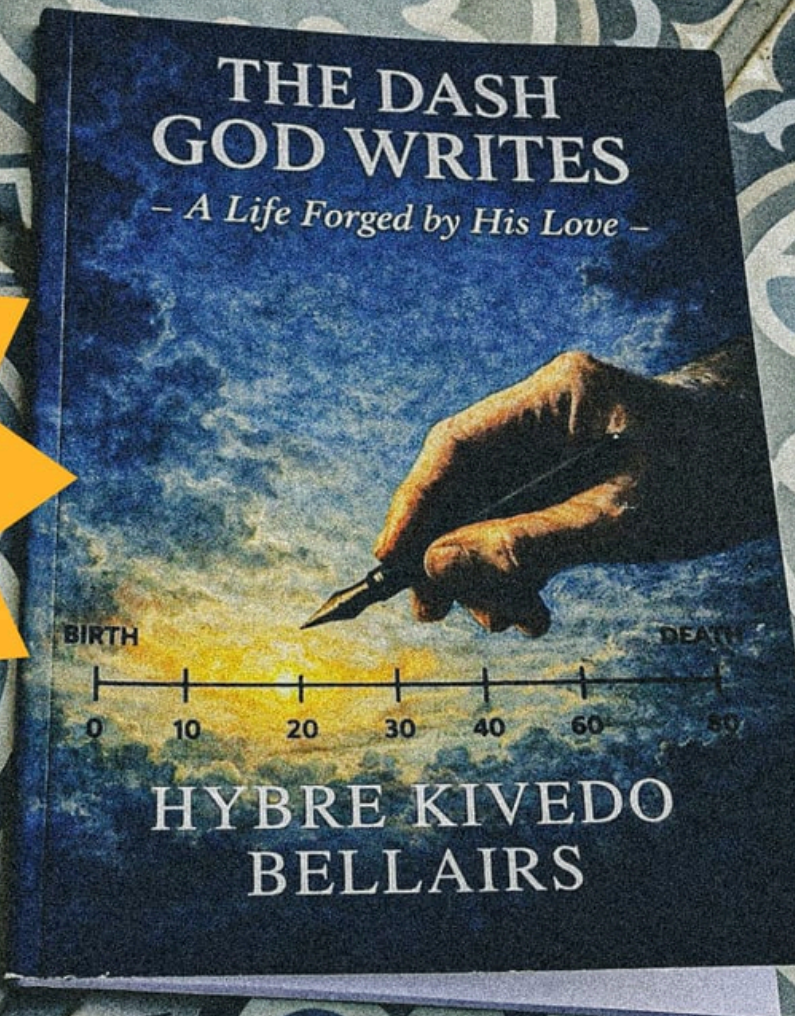


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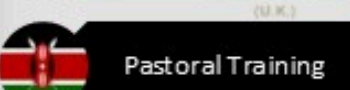
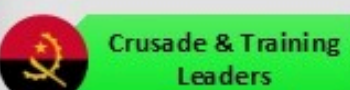
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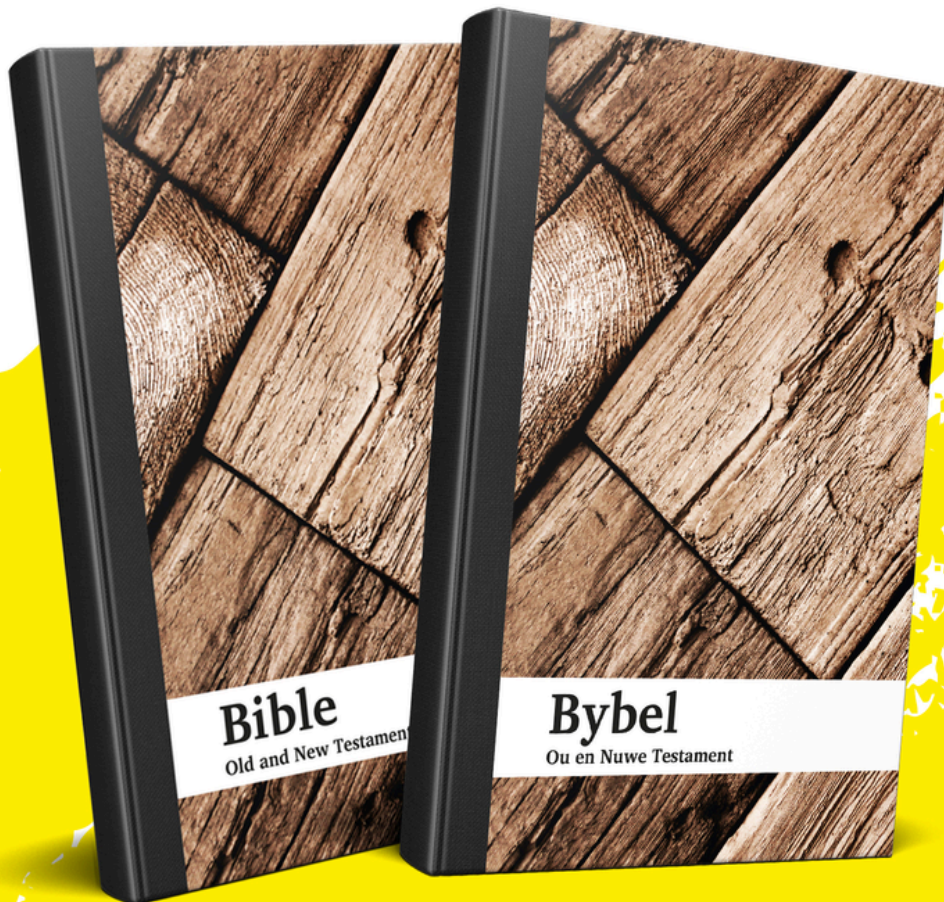
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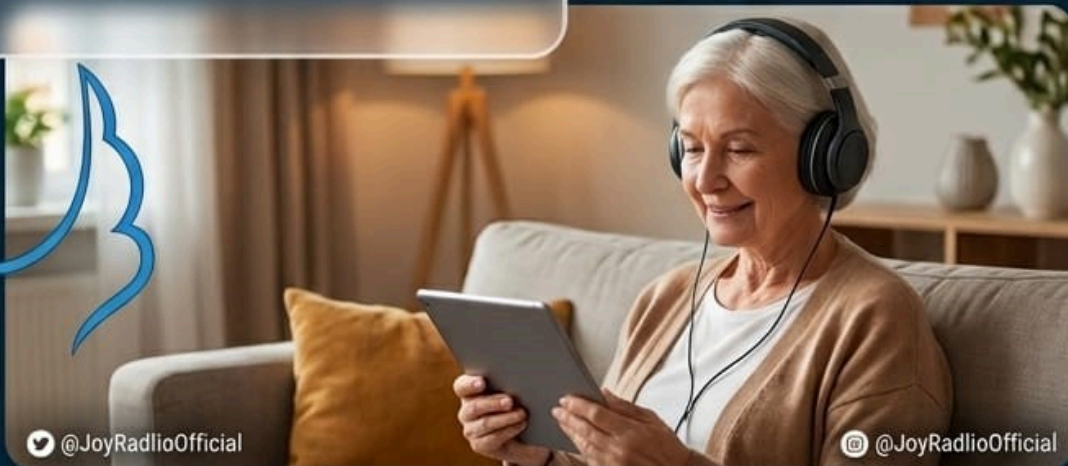
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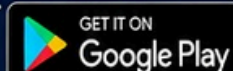
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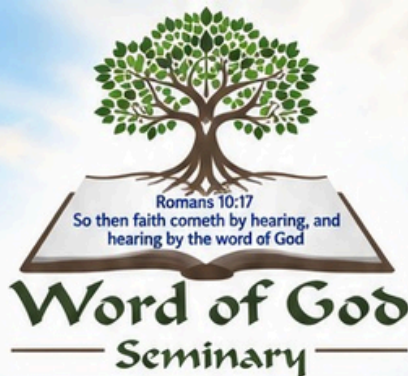
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

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