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“Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.” (Psalm 2:11)

Why trembling? We are serving a heavenly majesty. Let no presumption enter into your faith. Do not feel you can do as you like because God is love. Serve the Lord with fear because His purposes are very great. With fear and trembling you must be fitted into His service. How is He going to use you? “Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” (Psalm 2: 8-9). What power God is going to give you if you serve Him with fear and trembling!

If you have to dine with the Queen of England you cannot be free to do as you please. In your own home you laugh and chat and are at ease. But in the presence of the Queen you have to be very careful. In the presence of the King of kings you should be even more careful. You must be very holy. He reads your thoughts and innermost motives. He watches what kind of affections you have, and what kind of thoughts are dominating your mind. “Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel and say unto them, ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.” (Leviticus 19:2) You have your own standards. But God’s standards are far higher. When you go into His presence you must tremble. If we are careful, if we are humble, if we are meek like Moses, we will take an iron rod and break in pieces the nations. Moses broke Egypt like a potter’s vessel. God says that you will also do like that if you fit yourself to stand in His presence. Moses humbled himself and fitted himself to stand in the holy presence of God. A mighty king had to tremble before him.

God says you are His battle-axe. If we are holy, what a power He will give us! Do we tremble before the majesty of the holy Saviour? Do we kiss the Son who is to be loved? He gave that power to Moses. He will give that power to you. Meekness is a part of holiness. When you have this kind of holiness you will be a power.

“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.” (Leviticus 19:17) You cannot allow your neighbour to perish. You must do things to bring him to repentance. “And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father” (Galatians 4:6). He hath sent His Spirit into you, that you may claim His sonship.

When the Holy Spirit comes into you, you will cry for your inheritance. Claim His promises. Do not let them lapse. God’s promises are laid up for you. If you do not claim them you are a loser. Why do you allow such great promises to slip through your fingers? Will you forget your promissory notes and your title deeds? You are losing far greater things. You do not know in which part of the world God will use you as a battle-axe. God wants you.

Tremble in His presence. Claim His promises. As Moses did, you have to do. In our country we have to do it. God has His own weapons and methods and He will reveal them to you. Be one with your Saviour.

I always fear that if there is a careless man or woman who has lost the fear of God, he will bring darkness and one day he will bring shame upon the name of God. “For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty: only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13) The Spirit of God keeps you on a plane where evil thoughts will not occur to you. God teaches you to love others. Such love will come naturally to you. Holy love! What a wonderful thing it is to get the adoption of a son. With faith which worketh by love you are going to serve God. Leave all the thoughts about your future to God. He knows the best for you. Serve the Lord with trembling. He is a great God.

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