

Fear Forasmuch

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1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1Pe 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

I. What we have learned thus far from Peter's teachings:

A. You know that you know things that the angels desired to know

1. That God has heaven reserved for you
2. That God gives faith that now keeps you
3. That God uses trials to bring joy

B. Wherefore: Gird up—Have hope—Be holy.

II. The "Fear" part of "Fear Forasmuch"

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A. And if ye call on the Father

Mat 6:9 ...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

B. Who without respect of persons

Job 34:19 ...*him* that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all *are* the work of his hands.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Eph 6:9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

C. Judgeth according to every man's work

1. Eternal life is not based on works

Eph 2:9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to his own purpose and grace...

2. Yet the Father does deal with His children according to works (here and now)

Psa 89:30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

Psa 89:32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

Psa 89:33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

Psa 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth...

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous...

D. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear

Php 2:12 ...work out your own salvation with **fear and trembling**.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Heb 4:1 **Let us therefore fear**, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people**.

Heb 10:31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

III. The New Testament describes two approaches that God uses to lead to repentance

A. ‘Now you know grace, therefore’ or ‘Wherefore gird up, have hope, be holy’

Heb 10:15 *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

Heb 10:16 *This is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 10:18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Heb 10:21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

B. ‘Repent or else’

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

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IV. The “Forasmuch” part of “Fear Forasmuch”

A. Earlier in the chapter, Peter had used the idea: “Now you know grace, therefore”

—Wherefore (in consequence to God’s grace) gird up, have hope, be holy

B. Here Peter says: ‘Fear the Father’s judgment forasmuch’ (in view of the fact that)

—At this point, you would expect the ‘forasmuch’ to be a ‘repent or else’ statement

—You might think Peter is about to reverse his grace approach to a threat approach

—But instead of ‘or else’—Peter says forasmuch as you know about this good grace

—So, he again uses ‘you know grace’ reasoning—Just setting it up a different way

—Peter is still saying: “Repent in view of the fact that you now know grace”

C. So, you might assume that Peter used fear to mean reverence instead of afraid of
—Yet this would be to disregard the part about God judging according to man's works

D. The idea is: Those who know of Jesus and fail to reverence Him should live in fear
—From the positive, God on a cross for you should be a great motivation for reverence
—From the negative, God frowns on those who know of Jesus and disregard Him
—Forasmuch as (in view of the fact that) you know that Jesus' blood redeemed you
—You have reason & motivation to live life both in reverence to and afraid of God

V. Forasmuch as you know Jesus — (In view of the fact that you know Jesus)

Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...

Psa 49:6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast...in the multitude of their riches;

Psa 49:7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price...

From your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:14 ...not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Rev 5:6 ...in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain...

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood...

Foreordained before the foundation of the world

Rev 13:8 ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

But was manifest in these last times

1Pe 1:12 ...which things the angels desire to look into.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Tit 1:2 ...hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Tit 1:3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching...

Who by him do believe in God

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith...

That raised him up from the dead and gave him glory

Act 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death...

Joh 17:1 ...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord...

That your faith and hope might be in God

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;