

Trembling at God's Word

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

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- A lack of respect for God and His word has always been the problem with man.
Romans 3:9-18
- Definition: **trómos**: A trembling from fear, terror (Mark 16:8; Septuagint: Exodus 15:15; Job 4:14; Isaiah 33:14). Coupled with **phóbos**, fear, fear and trembling, expressing great timidity (1 Corinthians 2:3) or profound reverence, respect, dread (2 Corinthians 7:15; Ephesians 6:5; Philippians 2:12; Psalms 55:6 Isaiah 19:16). (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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- "Thus saith Jehovah, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? For all these things hath my hand made, and (so) all these things came to be, saith Jehovah: but to this man will I look, even to him that is **poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word**" (Isaiah 66:1-2).

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Trembling Is Not Enough

- Demons tremble! James 2:19-20; Mark 3:10-11; cf. Luke 4:31-41; Matthew 8:28-29
- Felix was terrified. Acts 24:25; cf. Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10

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The Right Way to Hear God's Word (Luke 8:18)

- Fear before God and His word is healthy.
Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 9:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Understand the fear of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 12:28-29
- The ability to tremble at God's presence, or at the hearing of God's word, had a positive influence.
 - Moses. Exodus 3:5-6; Acts 7:32
 - Israel at Sinai. Exodus 19:16
 - Eli. 1 Samuel 4:13
 - The people in Amos' day. Amos 9:4

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Examples:

- Jews in Jerusalem. Acts 2:42-43; Acts 5:11; Acts 9:31
- Saints in Philippi. "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Philippians 2:12
- Saul of Tarsus. "trembling and astonished." (KJV and NKJV, Acts 9:6).
- The Philippian jailer. "fell down trembling before Paul and Silas" Acts 16:29

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A Good Reason to Tremble at God's Word

- The authority of God's word. cf. Genesis 1; Psalms 33:6-9
- It is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 1:16
- It is sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12
- It will not return unto God void. Isaiah 55:10-11
- It will some day judge us. John 12:48
- Should we not be struck with awe and reverence as we read it or hear it preached to us? cf. Nehemiah 8:5

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The message of the gospel is capable of saving or destroying.

- The hearing of God's word must be mixed with faith or it will not profit. Hebrews 4:2
- *"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 2:14-17 NASU)*

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What We Should Do With God's Word

- Believe it! Romans 10:9-10, 17
- Understand and obey it. Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 Peter 4:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-38; 22:16
- Continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12
- Be true and faithful to the Lord all the way to the end. Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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What God's Word Will Do For You

One who is faithful to the Lord is expecting him to return and hear him say,

- *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* Matthew 25:21, 23
- and,
- *"Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."* Matthew 25:34

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