

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION

In God's relationship with his creations as their Creator there is something that is a prerequisite for such a relational reality to be established and that is the "Fear of the Lord" or the "Fear of God" (**FOG**). The fear of the Lord forms the foundation or basis upon which the Creator, who is the greater relates with His creations, which are the lesser. God is a Spirit and He created all things spirit before the forming and making of such things, whether it be angels, Man, animals or plants (**Isa 42:5; Eccl 12:7; Gen 2:1-7**). The fear of the Lord is a spirit that is upon every creation of God from their beginning; for God created all things good and the fear of the Lord is clean and good (**Gen 1:31; Ps 19:9; Mtt 19:17**).

As foundational and pertinent as the knowledge of the fear of the Lord is in one relating with the God of the heavens and earth, the God of all creation, yet in our Christian theology of today it is about the least preached and taught topic amongst the Churches as organizations (**CAO**) that abound all around. Unbelievers are not made to know about it from the very start as a precondition for entering into any relationship with God at all, as they desire to become Believers. Therefore the CAO end up producing believers that know not the fear of God (**FOG**) from the very start resulting in the kind of "Christians" that we have today, that leaves much to be desired generally. Without the fear of God in their faces sin still thrives in their lives. **Rom 3:8-18**

Furthermore in the places where the CAO had taught about the **FOG** in their doctrines, they had given men an erroneous definition of what the "Fear of God" is. This we shall examine in details in this literature; for we yet see sin abounding where grace ought to, this is an error. **Rom 6:1**

In this literature as in all our literatures, we shall run to the feet of our Lord, Master and Teacher Jesus Christ, first and foremost, in the gospel of faith in order to hear him, and bring out from his teachings by the help of the Spirit of truth what he taught exactly as the fear of God. From thence we shall proceed to use the understanding gotten thereof to bring out from the Epistles of his apostles and the Scriptures of the prophets of old that which they have been teaching of the **FOG** for which we have been blinded in seeing without the light of Christ doctrine all this while. This we shall do by the grace of God that our faith may no longer stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. **I Cor 2:5**

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Our Lord God exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. The Fear of the LORD falls under the judgment aspect of God and that is what we shall extract in this literature. **Jn 16:7-11**

THE FEAR OF THE LORD AS TAUGHT BY CHRIST JESUS

Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour taught us explicitly what the fear of the Lord is in his doctrine. How? when he told us without ambiguity, who to fear, and why we should fear Him. With that understanding then we can be able to hear him on that topic in his numerous parables in the gospel, without which we would still remain in the dark concerning the FOG in his teachings as obtains very much today.

Lk 12:4-5 (Vr.4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them (*evil men, cohorts of Satan*) that kill the body (*that exercises the power of the 1st death rebelliously over the flesh- Gen 3:14; Gen 9:5-6; Hebr 2:14; I Cor 15:55*), and after that have no more that they can do. **Vr.5** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed (*the flesh*) hath power to cast (*the soul*) into hell (*which power Satan does not have*); yea, I say unto you, Fear him (*this is what the FOG portends*).

Mtt 10:16-42 (Vr.28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (*Who is that? The LORD God!*).

From the foregoing, we can clearly see the foundation of the fear of the Lord as taught by our Master Jesus Christ, which is based on the power of God (POG) to execute judgment upon the rebellious and disobedient on the day of the LORD. The FOG is tied to the POG to kill, not only the physical/fleshly, mortal/terrestrial body with the 1st death on earth (**Hebr 9:27**), but more importantly His power to cast both the celestial/spiritual/resurrected body and the soul into the lake of fire called the second (2nd) death at the very end. **Lk 13:1-5; Jn 5:25-29; Jn 3:16-18**

Lk 16:19-31 (Vr.22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **Vr.23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **Vr.24** And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. **Vr.25** But Abraham said,

Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things (*but ye had not the FOG*), and likewise Lazarus evil things (*yet he had the FOG*): but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. **Vr.27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: **Vr.28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Ezek 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die (*the 2nd death, this is of the FOG*).

When a sinner/unbeliever truly receives the FOG or have it stirred up in him, he shall ask of what to do in order to escape the wrath of God to come (**Lk 3:2-6,7-18; Acts 2:32-41**). The wrath of God is upon every child of disobedience and it is by the true knowledge of the FOG that is preached through the true gospel of Jesus Christ that such receives wisdom to seek repentance and forgiveness of sin, having received godly sorrow at heart, in order to be delivered from eternal damnation at judgment by receiving the Holy Ghost in baptism. Unfortunately, the CAO by the preaching of the another gospel do not present the FOG in their salvation messages to sinners nor teach it in their numerous sermons to believers. So their proselytes receive worldly sorrow thereby and through answering of a contrived "altar call" receive a CAO certified born again stamp/attestation that still worketh death in them thereafter; such find themselves still under the bondage of the fear of death, continually fearing enemies, proving and exposing their unauthentic born again status before God by their works thereby. **Hebr 10:37-39; Eph 2:2-3; Eph 5:5-6; Colo 3:5-6; Mtt 23:13,15; 2 Cor 7:10; Hebr 2:14-15; Acts 21:13; II Tim 1:7; I Jn 4:17-18; Rev 21:7-8**

CHRIST TAUGHT US OF THE FOG IN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

Christ taught us about the judgment of God that reveals the eternal punishment/curse that awaits those that remain disobedient and rebellious till the end. Christ made known to us the FOG in his teachings covering the judgment of God severally in his parables. Lets start with the most popular gospel verse which captures the FOG, but of which many are ignorant of, by reasoning of lacking true definition of the FOG.

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish (*face the 2nd death*) but have everlasting life. **Vr.17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **Vr.18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Wherever the Master talked about the suffering of hell, hell fire and perishing, he was teaching the FOG as it were. Whenever Christ used the word “perish” he usually meant the 2nd death, unlike in the Old Testament when such more often meant the 1st death generally in the eyes of men. By the FOG, Christ warns of the final condemnation of God on the judgment day which shall be eternal and no longer transitory as the 1st death signified.

Mtt 5:22,29-30; Mtt 10:28; Mtt 18:7-9; Mtt 23:33; Mk 9:43-47; Lk 10:11-15; Lk 12:4-5; Lk 16:19-31; Lk 13:1-5,6-9; Jn 15:1-2,6

All the time that Christ referred to men/servants being “cast out to where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” he was making reference to the outcome of God’s judgment. This was meant to cause men that heard him to know the FOG in order avoid ending up in such manner. **Mtt 8:10-12; Mtt 22:1-14; Mtt 24:45-51; Mtt 25:1-13,14-30,31-46; Lk 13:23-30; Lk 20:9-16**

From the teachings of Christ we are made to know that the FOG is tied to the power of God to judge all His creations and their works, whether such works be good or evil (**Jn 5:21-30**). The good shall receive the commendation and reward of the Lord, while the evil shall experience the wrath of God for all eternity as it were. The FOG is meant to keep you from falling into the wrath of God at the judgment.

Mtt 25:31-46 (Vr.31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: **Vr.32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: **Vr.33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. **Vr.34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **Vr.41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: **Vr.46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

TWO TYPES OF FEAR

There is godly fear and there is ungodly fear. The former is of God and is also called the “fear of God” (FOG), which is the original, authentic fear, while the latter is of the Devil, a usurping, counterfeit, deceptive fear. Sons of God are under the FOG being obedient and righteous, while children of the world are under every other fear that is ungodly engineered by unrighteousness, disobedience (sin) and superintended by sin’s chief servant, Satan.

The FOG is associated with the power of God to execute judgment against the disobedient, unrighteous and rebellious in His wrath both in this present world and more particularly in the world to come, at the end of all things, eternally in the 2nd death, while ungodly fear is tied to majorly the power of the 1st death, and the workings of Satan (**Jn 8:44; Jn 10:10**) that bring about much afflictions and sufferings in the flesh, to the anguish of the soul in this present evil world by divine permission for now (**Job 1:6-19; Job 2:3-7; Rev 12:9-17**). Christ through imparting the knowledge of the FOG teaches us not to be afraid of the latter but to be afraid of the former instead; for he had set an example for us to follow, having gone through similar afflictions in the flesh and anguish of soul yet he held unto the FOG unto victory at the end. **Mtt 26:37-39; Jn 16:32-33; Hebr 5:7-9; Hebr 12:1-4; Isa 53:1-12**

We shall attempt to trace the origin and introduction of ungodly fear amongst God's creation because the fear of God has always been there from the beginning of creation and is the only authentic fear all creations whether angels or men ought to have and hold. **Fear is of God** and originated from God and not from the Devil unlike what the CAO teaches. Rather, as with many things of God, the Devil operates a counterfeit giving rise to ungodly fear through subtlety. It is by the fear of the LORD that God rules over all creation in power, subjection, judgment, righteousness, and majesty; for without the FOG, obedience and order would not have been possible in heaven. It is a godly fear that is clean and causeth all creation to depart from evil and walk in righteousness and obedience instead.

Ungodly fear is one that is unclean and a counterfeit, and began with Lucifer, when God found iniquity in him and judged how he dealt with other creatures under his charge as it were. Instead of directing and continuing to sustain the knowledge of the fear of God in those creatures Lucifer rather got them to fear him instead even as he erroneously desired to be like the most High. This was an affront to the very thing that sustained order, worship, service and the rule of the most High over all His creations, an attempt to exalt himself and take on powers that was not given unto him by God. It was also an attempt to try the power of God behind the FOG that all creatures were created to know and fear. And he experienced that terrible judgment firsthand/instantaneously being cast down to hell as Satan subject to the sentence to the second death and from thence he has been held bound by the fear unto the torment that awaits him thereof; a demonstration of the Almighty power and fear of God, so that all may know that the LORD He is God and there is none else beside Him and as He purposeth so shall He do as it were. **Isa 14:4-20; Ezek 28:1-10,11-19**

The Devil being condemned to disobedience and rebellion on the earth used subtlety in the Garden of Eden (**Gen 3:1**), at the trial of the first Adam, by beguiling the Woman, who subsequently deceived Adam unto forsaking the FOG, the godly fear, thereby falling into

ungodly fear by reason of his transgression even as Satan was too (**Gen 3:10-14,17-19**). God had given Adam the knowledge of the FOG before putting him in the garden. When?

Gen 2:15-17 (Vr.17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

From the fall of Adam, Satan began to operate the fear of the 1st death over mankind being empowered by sin in the flesh and the curse (**Gen 3:14,19**), deceiving men with this ungodly fear by which he is able to subject them under his rebellious, oppressive rule (**2 Cor 4:3-4**), deceiving such to believe that it is he that has power to punish with death eternally but that if you obey him, worship and serve him you shall not die (**Gen 3:2-4**). Till date men join secret cults and consult with satanic consultants in order to safeguard their lives as long as possible in order to escape from experiencing the 1st death all to no avail, what a great deception; for everyone that shall seek to save his life shall lose it. **Mk 8:35; Eccl 8:8; Isa 28:14-18; Rev 1:17-18**

Satan tried the same subtlety with the last Adam, Jesus Christ, as he did with the first Adam in his own trial in the wilderness at his 1st coming before the commencement of his reconciliatory ministry on earth. Christ being the embodiment of the FOG defeated Satan in that encounter. He demonstrated his knowledge of the FOG thereby resisting the devil and he fled. Satan unrelentingly tried to get Christ to seek to save himself from the torture and anguish of suffering the death of the cross but failed. **Mk 14:33-41; Mtt 16:21-26; Mtt 27:39-44**

Mtt 4:1-11 (Vr. 8) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **Vr.9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. **Vr.10** Then saith Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (*it is who you fear that you worship*).

Without having the FOG in order to submit wholly unto God, a man cannot effectively resist the devil in this life's troublesome encounters. **Jam 4:7-8; Hebr 5:7-8; Job 5:7; Mtt 6:34**

Whenever a creature has another god besides the LORD God such shall have another fear other than the FOG and fall into vain worship as it were. So God's foundational command is that, "Thou shalt have no other god before me", so that you may not fear them. **Exo 20:3-5; Mtt 6:24**

The fear and terror of other gods (money, woman, tribulations, etc) make of none effect or eclipses the fear of God in a man's life as it were. It is only by having and holding unto the fear and terror of God above all other that a man can keep from sinning against God always.

Anyone that does not know, understand or have the FOG cannot truly serve and worship God wholly rather he shall have other gods beside the LORD whom he fears and serves instead,

knowingly or unknowingly to him. And the CAO have made sure that men are kept ignorant of the true meaning of the FOG all these while, causing them not to have the true FOG but other fears unto serving other masters and idols at heart, but with their lips in vain do they serve God. Ignorance breeds ungodly fear, by which the CAO ministers cause their adherents to fear them always rather than God. Such are made and found to be servants of men thence, respecters of men, rather than true servants of God under the CAO tutelage as it were. **Mtt 15:7-9; Titus 1:16; Ps 111:10; 2 Kings 17:24-41; I Kings 3:1-3 ~ I Kings 11:1-11**

Mtt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Be not deceived, those that hold not the godly fear called the FOG, but rather have the ungodly fear cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Rev 21:7-8; Jer 10:1-16**

Unfortunately, the CAO ministers have erroneously taught “fear” generally, and specifically in the sense of it being ungodly, so that whenever one hears the word “fear” you automatically think of the devil and evil thereby keeping men in their fear continually being carnally minded. They go to the extent of making the blanket statement in their doctrines that “fear is of the Devil”, thereby giving an erroneous impression that all fear is ungodly and must be resisted/rejected, but this is a lie.

Fear is of God, the true fear, while ungodly fear is a deception and a counterfeit, but the CAO have subtly failed to differentiate and distinguish between godly fear and ungodly fear whenever “fear” is encounter in their teachings of the Bible, especially as found in the Epistles, thereby misleading many with their false generalization of “fear” even as they do with “evil” as it were. For example-

I Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment (*those having the godly fear*): because as he is, so are we in this world. **Vr.18** There is no (*ungodly*) fear in love; but perfect love casteth out (*ungodly*) fear: because (*ungodly*) fear hath torment. He that feareth (*having ungodly fear*) is not made perfect in love.

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (*ungodly fear*); but of power (*in the FOG*), and of love, and of a sound mind (*It is God that giveth the spirit of fear- to the righteous the spirit of the fear of the Lord (Isa 11:2-3) and to the unrighteous the spirit of torment, ungodly fear- ask King Saul and Judas Iscariot and they will tell you better- I Sam 16:14-15; Mtt 27:3-5*).

THE FOG IS NOT REVERENCE FOR GOD

The CAO generally defines “the fear of the Lord” as reverence for God or reverential trust of God, but what they teach as “fear” is that of terror, evil threats and attacks, torments, wickedness, death and the likes being of the Devil. So men end up fearing the Devil rather than fearing God; irrespective of all the much acclaimed reverence they say they have for and show unto God, yet it is the Devil that they fear because he deals with people wickedly and not God. With such twisted understanding of what the fear of God is, they keep men in the fear of the Devil, being ignorant of the fact that it is whom men fear exceedingly or the most that they obey, serve and worship.

The CAO double talks in giving understanding of what the FOG means as in so many other things. How? They say “Fear God, but be not afraid of God”; they say in their human wisdom that “The fear of God” is different from “being afraid of God”. The CAO therefore teaches that they obey God out of love, loyalty and reverence but not because they are afraid of Him or because they are scared of God, what an aberration of the truth, a wisdom that is from beneath and devilish to say the least; with that the CAO ministers even go ahead to take on the titles that is ascribed unto the LORD God for themselves having not respect and fear for God- they answer Reverend, Holy father, His Holiness, His Excellency, Venerable, etc. being the modern day Rabbi Pharisees and scribes (**Ps 111:9; Ps 47:8; Jn 17:11; Job 13:11; Ps 68:34; Mtt 23:1-8**). So the CAO get men, in their doctrines, to be afraid of their own ministers, the Devil, and human enemies but not God the Father because God is their paddy man, who cannot kill as enemies do nor does He bring on evil upon men, what an error in understanding. This carnal mindset of the CAO and error in teaching therefore causes men to fear God with their lips only, while in their heart and actions it is the enemies (death, Satan, evil men) and the CAO “men of God” that they fear the most. Therefore, they continue to sin being deceived that God does not kill instead He is only merciful and forgiving, thereby deceiving themselves (**Mtt 15:7-14**). By this the CAO continually demonstrate that they do not know who God the Father is.

Let it be known unto you clearly that, the Fear of God is not mere reverence for God nor is it awe of God for his wondrous works rather the fear of God has to do with the terror of the Lord, the dread of God above every other imaginable dread from created beings. The fear of God is the terror of the Creator; it is a godly, clean fear. The FOG breeds reverence for God subsequently by the time you must have known and encountered it (**Hebr 12:28-29**), but it is not the primary meaning of the FOG. The reverence of God stems from respect for God due to His awesomeness, His wonder working power and His glory (**Ps 86:8-11**). It is not reverence that causes men to depart from evil but the fear of the Lord instead (**Isa 26:9-11**). There is no how you can truly understand and have the FOG without being afraid of God (**Hebr 10:26-31; Ps 119:120-121**), knowing what He can do to the disobedient and also what He has promised to

the obedient- **Ps 19:9,11; I Cor 2:9**. Don't be deceived, the FOG causes you to be afraid of God (**Lk 12:5**) which leads to your departing/fleeing from evil (**I Cor 3:16-18; I Cor 6:18-20; I Tim 6:8-11; 2 Tim 2:22; Gen 39:7-10; Hab 3:2; 2 Sam 6:1-9; I Chron 21:26-30; Jer 10:6-7,10-15**); for that is a good and godly fear that all should desire to have which shall be wisdom unto those that get it. By the FOG you tremble even at His word/voice talk less of seeing His visions, the visions of the night. **Hebr 12:18-21; Isa 66:5**

God is not man or the son of man or flesh (**Num 23:19**) that you erroneously define His Almighty fear as mere reverence of which men are taught not to be afraid of by the CAO. God is a Spirit and the Father of spirits and deserves more than your reverence, but your whole fear because every man fears one thing or the other. So let your fear be that of God only and nobody else, stop fearing other things that men fear out of ignorance.

Hebr 12:5-11(Vr.9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection (*to the FOG*) unto the Father of spirits, and live? **Vr.28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear (*the FOG*): **Vr.29** For our God is a consuming fire.

The fear of God is tied inseparable with the power, might, greatness and wisdom of God in judgment. The fear of God produces obedience to God, his word, commandments and decrees. It is by the fear of God that He rules the heavens and the earth and all that be therein without which there can be no order but confusion, lawlessness and rebellion. The holy angels know the fear of God well especially Satan and his fallen angels that have fallen victim of it already. And that is why they fear the Lord exceedingly, but the CAO have subtly taught men otherwise causing the fear of God not to be in their eyes or in their hearts. **Mtt 8:28-29; Jam 2:19; Job 31:23; Job 37:1-24; Dan 6:22-27; Acts 5:1-13; Isa 26:8-11**

Pharaoh and the Egyptians would not let the people of God, the Israelites, go even after beholding the signs and wonders that God did through His servant Moses by the plagues visited upon them and the land of Egypt, until they beheld the FOG in the killing of all their firstborn males both of man and of animals, only then did they hasten to let the Israelites to go (**Exo 6:1-13; Exo 12:12-14,29-33**). Until men encounter the FOG they would not learn to fear God truly, be warned.

2 Cor 5:9-11 (Vr.10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad. **Vr.11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

In his parable, Christ also taught us explicitly the difference between the FOG and reverence, but such understanding is hid from the CAO that do not hear Christ as always. The CAO

continually demonstrate that they do not know who the LORD God is or the difference between the Father and the Son as it were.

Lk 20:9-16 (Vr.9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. **Vr.13** "Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. **Vr.14** But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. **Vr.15** So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? **Vr.16** He shall come (*in his power and terror*) and destroy these husbandmen (*this is what the FOG communicates*),

Many today that say they reverence God do not fear Him as such. Why? because they have been made to relate with God the Father as if He is their fellow man, and their brethren and flesh as they are; as if He is the Son of man, the Lamb of God whom they feared not nor revered but were not afraid to slay him on the cross like a common criminal, thereby in their transgression dishonouring His Father (**Jn 8:47-49**). Those who cannot distinguish between the Father and the Son do not have or understand the FOG and the CAO has made sure of this by their doctrines. The LORD God is High and mighty and has never left His throne in heaven at any time. God is the immortality that dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see and ought to be greatly feared. **Ps 47:1-9; Ps 68:33-35; Neh 1:5; Deu 7:21; Deu 10:17,21; I Tim 6:16; Amos 3:7-8**

Ps 65:4-8 (Vr.5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation;

As saints of God we are meant to live our sojourning here on earth in fear, working out our salvation in trembling; for such fear is acceptable before God by which we walk in holiness as it were. **2 Cor 5:10-11; Phil 2:12; I Pet 1:17; 2 Pet 3:9-12; Hebr 12:28-29; Isa 66:5**

GOD ALWAYS MAKES KNOWN HIS FEAR

God always makes His fear known to man before hand in His relationship/dealings with him, whether they be His people or not; not only to man but to all His creations as well. The FOG warns men that God is not a man that He should lie nor the son of man that He should repent, that He bringeth to pass whatsoever He purposes without let, that the LORD He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else and He is not meant to be toiled with (treated lightly) or disobeyed.

The FOG warns men of the consequences of disobeying the commandment and truth of God as it were. In the beginning of any form of relationship with God by the fallen man it is compulsory that the nature of God that comprises the Mercy of God and the FOG be made known to such a people which would form the foundation of any covenant that God might want to enter with such a man or people subsequently. Why does this have to be so? So that there might not be any ambiguity as per who you are relating with, that God the Father is not man or a created being, but your Creator and in Him is reposed all power and wisdom as it were. No created being of the Father can relate with Him without first knowing His fear as it were.

Hebr 11:6 But without faith (*revealing the FOG*) it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is (*what? The God of judgment*), and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (*upon who He sheweth mercy*).

When God created and formed the first Man, Adam, He made sure that He instructed him concerning His fear before He placed him in the Garden of Eden to serve Him therein.

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (*this is the FOG given to Adam*).

The Fear of the Lord has to do with the ability and power of God to deal with disobedience to His commandment with death for the offender, not only physical death but with also the eternal punishment called the second death as it were. He has no respect of persons in this regard as it were. Jesus Christ expressly without any ambiguity taught us this in his doctrine. **Lk 12:4-5; Mtt 10:28**

Similarly in God's dealing with Cain, and Noah, the FOG was made known to them (**Gen 4:3-15; Gen 6:5-22; Hebr 11:7**). Abraham knew very well the FOG when God called him so he obeyed without question or objection (**Gen 20:10-13; Hebr 11:8**). When God encountered Moses individually He showed him an aspect of His fear (**Exo 3:1-6**) and also when entering into covenant with children of Israel to be their God as it were.

Exo 20:1-23 (Vr.3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Vr.5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; **Vr.6** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. **Vr.18** And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. **Vr.19** And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak

with us, lest we die. Vr.20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear (the FOG) may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

Hebr 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, **Vr.19** And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: **Vr.20** (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: **Vr.21** And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

The men of old, the fathers (**Gen 18:16-19; Gen 31:42**) and the children of Israel knew very well the FOG as the priests and Levites were commanded to teach them out of the Law when they settle in the Promised land and they in turn are to teach their children and household (**Exo 12: 23-27,40-43; Josh 4:20-24**), even as Moses taught them in the wilderness, while presenting the commandments of God to them.

But unfortunately today, men have mistaken the mercy of God to mean that the FOG has elapsed or is no longer in place even as the CAO ministers fail continually to teach them, lacking the understanding thereof themselves. Be not deceived the mercy of God does not cancel, truncate or annul the FOG in judgment but rather it is but for an intervening period, an interlude allowed by God for the purpose of calling sinners unto repentance before He executes His fear in judgment afterwards. To every purpose of God there is a time and judgment, let no man deceive you otherwise, everyone must give account of his deeds before God whether it be good or evil and shall face the consequences thereafter before His judgment seat. **Lk 16:19-31**

The Law that was given by Moses was of judgment without mercy (**Hebr 10:28**), while grace and truth that came by Christ (**Jn 1:17**) at his 1st coming, was mercy rejoicing against judgment (**Mtt 9:10-13; Jn 8:1-12; Jam 2:13**), the forbearance and longsuffering of God in order to bring men unto repentance and to believe on His Son (**Rom 2:4; Rom 3:25-26**), but be informed that at Christ's second appearing he shall come with the rod in order to call the righteous to salvation and to execute judgment by the gospel against the wicked and unbelieving. **Hebr 10:26-27,29-31; Hebr 9:28; Rev 19:11-16; Acts 2:16-20**

Qn: Why does the Lord make known His fear unto man and all His created beings? Because of the coming of the day of the LORD and that of His Christ, wherein His wrath and righteous judgment shall be executed upon all the evil doers, sinners and heathen unto eternal damnation. It shall be a day of darkness and not light as it were. **Rom 2:5-6; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph 2:2-3**

The FOG is a compulsory relational reality the God makes known to all creations in His dealings with them especially Man, by which they need to relate with Him accordingly; but the CAO have

unfortunately denied men that come to God through Christ in repentance the knowledge of this vital truth compulsorily needed to have a true personal relationship with Him. **Isa 59:1-21**

THE FOG CAUSES MEN NOT TO REVENGE

Those that know and have the FOG do not take judgment or vengeance into their own hands but rather look unto God instead to repay the wicked or enemies on their behalf at His own appointed time for the wickedness done against them even unto their death. Rather than curse they bless; they repay evil with good instead. The understanding of the FOG causes men not to seek to kill their fellowmen whether they be their adversaries or not, whether physically or so called "spiritually" in order not to become transgressors of the law of God either way (**Jam 2:11**). The FOG rather teaches us to give place to wrath instead of executing our own wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. The FOG causes men not to fear what men can do unto them having confidence in the power of God to deliver them from all evil even as Christ prayed to the Father for them. **Mtt 6:13; Jn 17:14-15; Jam 1:19-20; I Pet 2:21-23; I Pet 3:13-15; Hebr 13:5-6; Rev 6:9-11; Rom 3:9-19; Isa 30:18**

Lk 9:51-56 (Vr.54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did (*wrath executed out of fear of death- 2 Kings 1:8-15*)? **Vr.55** But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. **Vr.56** For the Son of man is not come (*in this his 1st appearing*) to destroy men's lives (*by executing the judgment of the FOG yet- Jn 12:47-48*), but to save them (*by showing forth the mercy of God for now-Jn 12:46*).

Mtt 5:21-24,43-48 (Vr.43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **Vr.44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Lk 18:1-8 (Vr.7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **Vr.8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily (*at the 2nd coming of Christ*).

Rom 12:17-21 (Vr.19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

2 Thess 1:4-11 (Vr.6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; **Vr.7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **Vr.8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that

know not God (*having not the FOG*), and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (*in which Christ taught the FOG as it were*): **Vr.9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power (*this is the FOG*);

Hebr 10:24-39 (Vr.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. **Vr.31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. **Vr.39** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

The FOG teaches us that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God unto whom vengeance and recompense belong and He shall judge His people. And with this knowledge of God those that truly have the FOG do not seek revenge against their enemies by themselves, neither do they pay back evil for evil, knowing that that is God's work not theirs. It is those that hold not and know not the FOG that goeth about seeking human enemies to destroy by so called "Holy Ghost fire" and "Die by fire" prayers. **Mtt 5:38-44; Rom 12:12,14-21; Hebr 10:30; Lk 9:51-56**

ANGELS OF GOD GUARD THOSE THAT FEAR GOD

The angels of the Lord in heaven keep the fear of the Lord and it is men on earth that have the FOG only that they are sent to minister unto and encamp around in order to deliver them from all evil (**Hebr 1:14**). Paul the apostle specifically taught that women are suppose to be subject to their head, the man, that has power over them, if nothing else but out of the FOG, because of this fact concerning the angels (**I Cor 11:3,7-10; I Tim 2:13-15**). The holy angels of God do not guard those that are rebellious and disobedient to the commandments of the Lord as it were. The angels ensure that your enemies are at peace with you because you please their God and they would always fight on your behalf and you shall hold thy peace (**Exo 14:14**). By them the LORD prepareth a table for you in the presence of your enemies because you fear not the enemy but God (**Ps 23:4-5**); unfortunately that is not the case for majority of the CAO brought ups/adherents today, who live in constant fear of enemies especially death. **Exo 23-20-27; 2 Kings 6:14-18; Prov 16:7; Hebr 2:14-15; Acts 27:18-26; Ps 91:9-12**

Ps 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him (*that have the FOG*), and delivereth them.

Hebr 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Vr.14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Mtt 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Mk 1:9-15 (Vr.12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. **Vr.13** And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Lk 22:39-47 (Vr.43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. **Vr.44** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Acts 12:1-19 (Vr.7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. **Vr.8** And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. **Vr.9** And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. **Vr.10** When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. **Vr.11** And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Dan 6:1-28 (Vr.22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. **Vr.23** Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. **Vr.26** I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. **Vr.27** He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lion

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches (*the true churches, the Body of Christ, have their own angel that have charge over them and that is why the gates of hell shall never prevail against them no matter what-* **Mtt 16:18-19**).

THE FOG IS AS A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

Those that have ungodly fear are found in disobedience and rebellion to God and therefore the FOG is unto them as a torment that shall cause the wrath of God to fall upon them, while those that have godly fear are found in obedience and righteousness so that the FOG bringeth and keepeth them in the mercy and love of God that produces reward at the end. **Prov 28:1**

The FOG is the terror of God, so to the disobedient it is as torment and wrath, while to the obedient it is as love, joy, blessing, and peace as it were. **2 Sam 6:1-15**

Rom 13:1-7 (Vr.1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. **Vr.2** Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. **Vr.3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: **Vr.4** For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. **Vr.5** Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Gen 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **Vr.7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

God made known and gave Adam the FOG from the beginning even before He put him in the Garden of Eden to do his divinely assigned work. With this godly fear, Adam was able to have sweet fellowship with God daily in joy, peace and happiness.

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:

But Adam ended up hearkening to the lies of the Devil sold to the Woman which he bought unto losing the FOG and acquiring the ungodly fear that now caused him to seek to hide from God due to iniquity and disobedience being found in him unlike before.

Gen 3:4-13 (Vr.8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden (*what ungodly fear did to them because they rejected the FOG*). **Vr.9**

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? **Vr.10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid (*with ungodly fear*), because I was naked; and I hid myself.

To the wicked and evil doers the FOG is a torment, but to the righteous that departeth from evil because of it, it is life and wisdom unto them. **Prov 14:26-27; Prov 19:23**

I Pet 2:13-19 (Vr.13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **Vr.14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. **Vr.17** Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

I Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment (*those having the godly fear*): because as he is, so are we in this world. **Vr.18** There is no (*ungodly*) fear in love; but perfect love casteth out (*ungodly*) fear: because (*ungodly*) fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Hebr 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. **Vr.31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. **Vr.39** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (*having the FOG unto torment*); but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (*having the FOG unto salvation*).

FEAR IS SUSTAINED BY SPIRITS

Godly fear is sustained by the Spirit of God, while ungodly fear is sustained by unclean spirits, devils, or the spirit which is of the world. If God gives you of His Spirit in baptism He delivers you from unclean spirits, while if God takes away His Spirit from a man unclean spirits take over; such would not have the FOG ruling his life again but the ungodly fear of death, wrath and torment. Such happened to Adam, Cain, king Saul, Judas Iscariot, etc. **I Sam 16:14-15; Mtt 12:43-45; Jn 13:21-27; Prov 28:1**

Isa 11: 1-4 (Vr.1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: **Vr.2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **Vr.3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: **Vr.4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and

he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Jn 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

Jn 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. **Vr.16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **Vr.17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **Vr.32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

God gives those that believe in His Son Jesus Christ the spirit which is of God, the spirit of the fear of God, which is the Spirit of Christ in baptism. **I Cor 2:12; I Jn 4:13,18**

The spirits that are upon those that have ungodly fear are – **Mtt 12:43-45**

Mtt 8:28-34 (Vr.28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **Vr.29** And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

I Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world,

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (ungodly fear); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (*It is God that giveth the spirits being the Father of spirits- to the righteous He giveth the spirit of the fear of the Lord, while to the unrighteous He giveth the spirit of torment, ungodly fear- ask King Saul and Judas Iscariot and they will tell you better- I Kings 22:19-24; Isa 66:4. He is the LORD that doeth all things*).

I Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **Vr.4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **Vr.6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. **Vr.18** There is no (*ungodly*) fear in love; but perfect love (*brought about by the spirit of the FOG*) casteth out (*ungodly*) fear: because (*ungodly*) fear hath torment. He that feareth (*having not the FOG*) is not made perfect in love.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Jam 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Every creature of God, more especially man, is driven by one fear or the other, sustained by spirits and we move and have fellowship with such spirits in our thoughts and hearts all the time. It is either a godly spirit of fear or an ungodly spirit of fear, which either drives you to obey God or to disobey God - **Rom 6:16-18; Rom 7:14-24**. What kind of fear do you think that Job had (**Job 1:4-5; Job 3:25-26**)?

Whatsoever occupies your thoughts or that you “take thoughts” about most often is indicative of the kind of fear that you harbour (**Mtt 6:24-34**). You cannot have the FOG and the fear of death dwelling on the inside of you at the same time because the FOG casteth out the fear of death if it is truly in you, you deceive yourself otherwise as many do today. All those that have genuinely come to know the truth and have been made free by that truth have the Spirit of truth (the Spirit of Christ) that sustains the FOG in them through baptism. **Jn 8:32,36; Rom 8:9-11; 2 Tim 2:19**

The fear of the Lord is of the spirit and is found embedded in every creature of God which He has given spirit and breath upon the earth, but it can be eclipsed by other fears that are ungodly if you allow and accept such due to ignorance, lies, falsehood, deception and unbelief thrown at you as arrows or fiery darts in your mind and heart by the enemy. And that is why throughout the Bible you are commanded not to fear, unfortunately the CAO have interpreted that to include not fearing God also but which is not true. **Job 33:4; Ps 139:14; Isa 2:10-21; Isa 42:5; 2 Thess 2:9-13; Mtt 13:18-23; Eph 6:10-18**

The FOG is of the spirit of judgment and discernment and by it the Just are able to discern between the good and the evil in order to choose the good to do. Those that despise wisdom and truth, hating knowledge do not choose the FOG unto their own destruction at the end. **Prov 1:29; Hos 4:6; Prov 2:5-22; Amos 5:14-15; I Cor 2:12-16**

THE FOG IS LINKED TO THE POWER OF GOD

The fear of the Lord has to do with God’s ability and power to deal with every form of rebellion to His authority, dominance, and rule over all from amongst His creations whether they be flesh and/or spirits, man or angels. The fear of the Lord is of terror, wrath, and torment to the evil, but to the good it is of mercy, praise, love, honour and glory. Without the power of God there

can be no FOG as it were; for any fear that is not backed up with the requisite power to execute the intents thereof is a useless and ungodly fear. And for this cause the LORD God says do not fear any created being of His because it is not in their power to do you good and/or evil without His authorization as it were. **I Jn 4:18; Lk 21:25-27; Jn 19:10-11; Jn 10:17-18; Jn 3:27; Isa 41:23; Rom 13:1; Gen 31:20-29; Jer 10:1-7**

Death and Satan cannot kill without the express permission and empowerment from God yet men have been deceptively made to fear them more than they do God by the world and the CAO unfortunately. Satan and Death fear God, while men are made to fear them, rather than who they fear which is God, what a captivity. **Jam 2:19; Mtt 8:28-29; Job 1:12; Job 2:3-7; Lk 22:53; Lk 10:17-20; Mtt 16:21; Jn 7:19-30; Rev 6:3-4,7-8**

It is the one that is the greatest and the most powerful that is meant to be feared and no other; and God the Father is even greater than the greatest, higher than the highest, He is the most High and most powerful, He is above all, so He alone is to be feared above all that is called "God or gods" in heaven, on earth and beneath the earth. **Jn 10:29; Jn 14:28; Eph 4:6; 2 Thess 2:3-4; Eccl 5:8; Ps 77:11-14**

Rom 13:1-7 (Vr.1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Ps 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. **Vr.3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked** : the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. **Vr.4** He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: **Vr.5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.** **Vr.6** Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

Ps 114:1-8 (Vr.3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. **Vr.4** The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. **Vr.5** What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? **Vr.6** Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? **Vr.7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;** **Vr.8** Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Ps 66:1-20 (Vr.3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. **Vr.4** All the earth shall worship thee,

and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. **Vr.5** Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. **Vr.6** He turned the sea into dry land : they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. **Vr.7** He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

I Chron 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine ; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. **Vr.12** Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

2 Chron 20:6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

THE FOG IS TIED TO THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

Our LORD is a God of judgment and He loveth judgment (**Isa 61:8**). He is the Judge of the whole earth and He is greatly to be feared. God is known amongst His creations by His judgments; for without the power of God to judge all creation no one would have the FOG as it were.

Isa 26:8-11 (Vr.9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. **Vr.10** Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. **Vr.11** LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

Isa 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Ps 9:7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. **Vr.8** And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Ezek 28:22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Ecc1 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

So the FOG has to do with the judgment of God that shall be forever which no one can add to or subtract from as it were. The things that God alone can do which no one else can replicate, attempt or do puts the fear of God in men and all His creations, without which rebellious created beings would always be contending with their Creator. Satan does not contend with God the Father per se, though he tries it with His ministers through deceit but never with God because he too has the fear of God unto torment by which he has been judged and condemned already, awaiting execution of the sentence unto the torment of the 2nd death. **Lk 10:17-19; Jn 12:31-33; Jn 16:7-11; Mtt 8:28-29; Jam 2:19; Jude 1:6; Rev 12:7-13; Rev 20:7-10**

Why do unjust men follow Satan's example and deceive themselves that they do not fear God and therefore go about exhibiting wrath, oppression, and persecution against the just? **Rev 12:12-13; Lk 18:1-6; Jam 2:6,19; Mtt 8:28-29**; for this cause

Ecc1 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Hebr 10:24-39 (Vr.26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth (*of the FOG*), there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, **Vr.27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation (*the FOG that is unto torment*), which shall devour the adversaries. **Vr.30** For we know Him (*but many do not know Him*) that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **Vr.31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. **Vr.39** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebr 12:28-29 (Vr.28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: **Vr.29** For our God is a consuming fire.

The godly fear that gives you the understanding of the knowledge of God as a consuming fire is the fear of the Lord as it were; for by that knowledge men get to know the judgment of God. By it the righteous depart from evil but the wicked continue stubbornly therein unto destruction.

Rom 1:18,31-32

2 Cor.5:10-11(Vr.10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. **Vr.11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord (*which many do not know due to the diversionary teachings of the CAO*), we persuade men;

Ezra 7:26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

The FOG has to do with the terror of God that shall befall all those that work unrighteousness on earth unto their death and the judgment of the wrath of God to follow upon them thereafter.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

WHY THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

The fear of the Lord leadeth men to repent of their sins without which they continue therein unto destruction in feigned repentance that is of the lips and not of the heart. True repentance cannot be received without one having godly sorrow in his heart due to the knowledge of the fear of the Lord revealed unto him and his acceptance and belief of the truth and mercy of God extended unto him in the true gospel of Jesus Christ. So any sorrow that a man experiences which is not predicted upon receiving the FOG ends up being a worldly sorrow that worketh death still and not true repentance- Simon the sorcerer in Samaria is an example (**Acts 8:9-24**).

Mtt 3:2-7,8-12; Lk 3:2-9,10-14,16-18

Without knowledge and acceptance of the fear of God you cannot receive the mercy of God required for your salvation, but as important as the FOG is in the salvation process, it is virtually lacking in the another gospel that the CAO ministers preach today in their evangelism. So they produce “unbelieving believers” that hold not the FOG who therefore continue in their sins and wickedness. The mercy of God unto salvation is extended to those that come to fear Him having known and come to accept His fear via the word of truth, the word of God.

Ps 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. **Vr.13** Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. **Vr.17** But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,

Lk 13:1-5 (Vr.1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **Vr.2** And Jesus answering said unto them,

Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? **Vr.3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. **Vr.4** Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? **Vr.5** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

2 Cor 7:8-11 (Vr.10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. **Vr.11** For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal,

Ps 19:7-13 (Vr.9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **Vr.11** Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. **Vr.13** Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Prov 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

It is only by having the fear of the Lord that a man can be delivered from all other fears without which he shall continually be plagued with ungodly fear in different shades and succumb to them as it were.

Ps 34:1-22 (Vr.4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. **Vr.6** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. **Vr.7** The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. **Vr.9** Q fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. **Vr.11** Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. **Vr.17** The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

No man or created being of God can truly walk with Him, worship, serve, obey, love God, have faith and hope in God without knowing, understanding and having the FOG in him, by which he keeps on the righteous paths unto enduring till the end in order to inherit life eternal, without which he shall die.

Christ is the embodiment of the fear of the LORD, our sufficiency in all things, being made the power and wisdom of God unto us as a result. Christ gives the FOG through his Spirit and word of truth that dwelleth in those that believe and love him who keeps his commandments. By his teachings on the fear of the Lord, Christ makes known the end from the beginning unto all they that come to the Father through him. **Jn 14:6; Lk 12:4-5; Jn 8:30-32**

The knowledge of the FOG is given to a man for him to choose, believe and accept so that it might go well with him at the judgment of God, without which the wrath of God shall befall him at that time. Knowledge is based on the truth and the application of the understanding of that truth is wisdom, therefore the FOG is the beginning of that wisdom. So the FOG is tied inseparably to the truth; without coming to the knowledge and understanding of the truth you cannot be said to truly have the FOG that sets free. **Jn 8:32,36; Ps 25:12; Prov 1:29**

The fear of the Lord teaches that God chasteneth his sons and those that resisteth and refuseth His chastening are as bastards and there is an eternal punishment for all those that heed not the chastening of God till the end (**Prov 29:1**). "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is a common wise saying. **Rev 3:19; Prov 27:5**

Hebr 12:5-13,18-29 (Vr.5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: **Vr.6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **Vr.9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? **Vr.10** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. **Vr.11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

In the FOG lieth the confidence of the righteous and is a refuge for them from all other fears in times of trouble as it were. **Prov 14:26-27**

It is those that fear the LORD that He reveals His secrets to. Such by reason of the FOG are lowly and meek, humble, teachable and faithful servants of God. The secrets and ways of the LORD are hidden from the haughty, proud who parade themselves as being wise, highly anointed "men of God" who do not yield to learn/listen to those that they look down upon as "children/babes", thereby continuing in their ignorance and sin. **Mtt 13:9-16; Mtt 11:27-30; Lk 22:24-27; Lk 10:21; Jn 9:30-34; I Cor 3:18-21; Deu 29:29; Prov 16:5;**

Ps 25:12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. **Vr.13** His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. **Vr.14** The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

The FOG makes us to know about the day of vengeance of our God, who loveth judgment. **Isa 61:2,8**

Without having the FOG a man cannot come unto the wisdom of God. Why? Because the FOG is the beginning of any such wisdom. Those that do not have the FOG operate in the wisdom of

the world, the wisdom that is from beneath even as the CAO does today. **Mtt 16:23; Jam 3:13-18**

CONCLUSION

Generally, what majority of Believers know and are taught is more of the mercy, love of God due to grace and truth that came by Christ Jesus, which is but for an intervening period; but are kept ignorant of the knowledge of the fear of the Lord that precedes all that and had been in place from the beginning and still is; for without the FOG there can be no mercy of God. The FOG precedes the mercy of God. How? because the FOG was from the very beginning of the angelic creations and the hosts of heavens, as ordained forever by the LORD God. Mercy came into play due to Adam's transgression and fall. When Adam was not in transgression there was no need for mercy and God did not make it known to him, rather it was the FOG that He revealed unto him only (**Gen 2:15-17**). There is no need for mercy where there is no transgression and it was the judgment unto condemnation of one Man upon all that brought about the intervention of the mercy of God through Christ Jesus. **Rom 5:8-19**

Prov 16: 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Mercy does not abort, annul or stop the judgment of God rather it makes room for a period of forbearance and longsuffering by God towards mankind for Man to seek repentance and forgiveness from God in order to be reconciled with Him and begin to walk in righteousness in the FOG before His judgment would come (**Neh 9:17,31; Zeph 2:2-3; Rom 2:4; I Pet 3:20**). God exhibited this attribute of His mercy to mankind through Christ Jesus, the Son of man, our Mediator, Advocate and Intercessor (**Lk 1:67-79; Lk 13:6-9; I Tim 2:5-6; Rev 13:8; I Pet 1:18-20**). But unfortunately many have been kept ignorant and oblivious of this fundamental truth by the CAO unto their detriment at the end, being focused only on the mercy of God and blinded about the FOG. You cannot truly talk of the mercy of God without making known the reason for it coming to be via the teaching of the FOG.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; **Vr.2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD (*the period of His mercy*), and the day of vengeance of our God (*the day of execution of the FOG*);

It is hard for you to say you know God the Father and His Christ truly without having a good understanding of what the FOG is, even as many do not today and thereby continuing to

deceive themselves having been deceived by their CAO ministers in thinking that they know God. Some say they know Christ because of mercy and grace, then the question is, how about the Holy Ghost, the another Comforter sent by the Father through Christ? How do you know him, what is his work on earth presently in this current dispensation of the gospel on earth?

Jn 16:7-15 (Vr.8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **Vr.11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged (*revelation of the FOG*).

Jn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (*Did Christ teach us about the FOG? Yes, copiously*).

The Son cannot truly reveal the Father to any man without making known the FOG unto such a one, do not be deceived. And no true minister of Christ being led by the Spirit of truth can run the true gospel in ministry without giving men knowledge of the FOG in his teachings; as many as do not, their authenticity as able ministers of the new testament is quite in doubt. Many lack understanding of the Book of Revelations by John, the beloved, the last book of the Bible because it is mainly focused on and teaches about the execution of the FOG in the day of Christ and the day of the LORD. Those that do not understand the testimony of Jesus concerning the last days and end times do not know the FOG. **Jn 3:16-21; Jn 8:19; Jn 16:1-3; Jn 17:25; Mtt 11:27; Book of Revelations**

Rev 1:1-3 (Vr.1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: **Vr.2** Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. **Vr.3** Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

The LORD God is a God of judgment and He makes known His fear from the beginning unto all creation before judgment can ever take place at the end, because He is the righteous Judge of all creation (**Hebr 12:23**). If God does not make known His fear at the beginning then the judgment of God at the end cannot be just and righteous as it were due to ignorance on the part of the objects of such judgment; ignorance can then be a justifiable excuse, but with the revelation of the FOG at the initial ignorance is no longer an excuse. The FOG is God's way of making known the end from the beginning as it were in His dealings with His creations. The FOG is the warning of God issued to all His creations in order for them to know who He is and with whom they have to deal with. **Hebr 11:6; Acts 3:13-22; Eph 4:17-20; I Pet 1:13-17**

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Vr.31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Those that fear the Lord are counted among the wise, just, the perfect and the righteous (**Job 1:1,8; Acts 10:2,22**). Sinners do not operate/live in the fear of God and that is why they live in disobedience, transgressing the law of God which unfortunately is not in their power to keep even if they wanted to being in bondage to sin. **Gen 20:11; Ps 36:1; Rom 8:7; 2 Chron 20:29; Neh 5:15; Rom 3:9-18; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 5:21**

The Psalmist saith that he is a companion of those that fear the Lord. What about you? Who do you keep company with? Who are your friends? Show me your friends and I will tell you whether you have the FOG or not. **Ps 119:63,74,79; Ps 1:1-3; I Cor 15:33-34**

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man (Why?). **Vr.14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

No one shall enter into heaven without having and living by the FOG unto death in this world as a saint of God. The fearful (those having ungodly fear) cannot enter there, because they heavens are kept by the FOG and no being without it can be found therein. Be advised.

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