Fear Him Who is Able to Destroy Both Body & Soul

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INTRODUCTION

- Do not fear those who is able to kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- It's the same God. Which side we see is determined by our actions.
- God is both just and a God who loves like none other.

1 You Want God to Be Just

Psalm 75

- First of all, you want God to be just.
- God being a just judge is to the benefit of his people.
- But God is the judge. He puts down one and exalts another.
- Here is this Psalmist praising God, praising God for what? He is a just judge.
- So what do we hope for? That God will be just.

2 We Just Don't Want God to Be Just With Me

Exodus 33:20; 1 Peter 1:15–16; 1 John 1:5–6

- We want God to set right all the wrongs that are going on in our world. We just don't want God to be just with me.
- We look at our trivial sins, our dishonesty, our lack of love, our lack of compassion, our lack of patience, and we think that these are trivial things.
- And God says to this one person, this one person who had honored God throughout all this, you're still not holy enough to see me.
- That's the God we're dealing with. The God who says to us in 1 Peter 1 and verses 15 and 16 that we are to be holy as He is holy in all our behavior.
- That's why it's needed. That we have the fear of God. And we keep Him holy in our lives always.

3 A Call to Allegiance

Matthew 10:5–8; Matthew 10:16–31; Matthew 10:32–39

- Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.
- Who will we fear? Will we fear man who will hate us so much? Or will we fear our God?
- If you fear man, you'll deny me. And I will therefore be forced to deny you.
- Not a one-time confession which we make before one is baptized, but a confession in life.
- This passage is a call to allegiance. Fear God. Have your allegiance wholly and solely devoted to Him.

4 Your Allegiance Is to God

- The world sees us as the enemy. We are hated and despised because we are the intolerant ones, even though the world has misdefined intolerance.
- I will have to teach my children that your allegiance is to God. And your allegiance will always be to God.
- It does not matter what this world says or thinks of you.

5 The Partisanship of Our World

Ephesians 4:3–6

- And what we have done when we've done that is we have made man greater than God. We have made politics greater than God.
- Being diligent to preserve the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.
- And yet God had made two one. And what's Paul's point? Everything else is just noise.
- You don't have to be in perfect agreement in all things that happen in the world, but you be gentle toward one another.
- And you show tolerance for one another in love. We're going to have to teach our kids that too.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Fear God. Love Him. Be a part of His body. The fear of God is still needed today.**

MY NOTES