

since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

The book of Jude has a lot to say about those who would teach false teachings about God and Jesus. Jude warns against false teachers and leaders who reject the lordship of Christ, undermine the faith of others, and lead them astray. These leaders and any who follow them will be punished at the judgment day. Jude also warns against apostasy, which is turning away from Christ. We as Christians are to remember that God will punish rebellion against him. We must be very careful so as not to drift away from our faithful commitment to Christ.

Today, we see all these things in this country which war against our faith in God. How are we responding to them? Are we searching the scriptures and seeking God's will; or are we accepting

the ways of this world? We see false teachers in the church, those who teach things that are contrary to God's word. Are we studying the Bible so that we may know the truth? We see those who are rewriting the bible so as to make it fit in their lifestyle. We see preachers today who feed only themselves, who claim that they possess secret knowledge that gives them authority beyond human understanding. We as a nation and as Christians better start having a reverent fear for God and start living our lives according to God's word. I fear God will rebuke us to our face if we don't wake up and turn from our sins.

Proverbs 14:27

27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

By Bill Davis

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Do We Really Fear God?

As a "Christian Nation", do we really fear God? After all, we do call ourselves Christians in this country. If one would look back and take a good look he would see that this country was founded by religious, God-fearing, people who wanted to worship God without being persecuted by the government. Our founding fathers used God's word to help write our constitution for this country. At the beginning, going to church really meant something for those living in this country. Of course, that was then, and this is now. What happened to us in the course of over 150 years? If we, as Christians today, would take a very, very hard look around us, I do believe we would not like what we see. Today, there are so many different churches in this country, each going their own way. It has reached a point where it is hard to keep up with them, much less know where they stand in God's word. We have to ask, are we seeking God's Way? The name Christian has become just a name to a lot who profess to know Christ, and, of course, that's often only on Sunday. The word Christian means, "for one to be Christ-like." Does that describe you today? It seems more and more people are publicly denouncing God and His Son, Jesus. We see colleges in this country, such as Oregon State, who allowed cartoons of Jesus to be made which are out right blasphemies toward

Jesus. These cartoons portray the sacrifice of our Savior and Lord. Even though student funds are used to support this college paper and religious students protested the publication of these cartoons, the college accepted the publication of such blasphemy. We see the news media attacking who Jesus is and why Jesus came to the world to die for us. We see all these debates on TV on why we cannot have prayer in our schools, which involves the name of God and Jesus. Our children, in school today, are taught about how to have safe sex and how to get in touch with their inner self. They are taught how mankind evolved from some monkey ten trillion years ago and that we are all still evolving today. It is acceptable to teach the theory of evolution. But one thing we dare not teach our children in school is anything about God and Jesus. We don't want to "offend" anybody.

Today, we see movies about how Jesus never did what the Bible says he did. The Bible is considered open to interpretation and debate. Do we, as a country or as a society, really fear God? As individual Christians, do we really fear God? This country has been blessed by God more than any country the world has ever known. We have prospered in science, wealth, military might, food, etc...

God has been very good to us. I fear

God will punish us for being so evil, arrogant, adulterous, and most of all for us misusing the name of God and misusing the name "Christian." When I read in the paper about a so-called preacher in Kansas who prays that God will bring more disasters on this country and that more of our military personnel will die, all in the name of God; I wonder, are we seeking God's will and do we really fear God? When I read about Presbyterians who would allow officials to experiment with alternatives to the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, again I ask, where is the reverence and fear of God? They want to rename the Trinity with words such as "Mother, Child, and Womb" or "Rock, Redeemer, Friend." Other proposed options include "Lover, Beloved, and Love." We read about churches that are into more of science than the Bible. Even those who say they believe the Bible disregard unpopular teachings for our day. Now women are preachers (**1 Timothy 2:11-12**). Homosexuality is no longer a sin, it's ok to be "gay" (**Lev. 20:13; Rom. 1:26-32**). And we do all of these acts in the name of God! We have bibles today where the name of God has been changed from the masculine form to the politically correct form, so we won't offend anyone, except God. So I will ask you, do we really fear God? Are we going to be like the Jews in

Exodus 19, 20 who saw the power of God on Mount Sinai and trembled with fear for their lives?

Ex. 19:16-20

16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. 20 Then the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Exodus 20:18-19

18 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. 19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

Even today, in this country, we read and hear of scoffers who deny that God ever existed and that Jesus never really did the miracles that the Bible talks about.

2 Peter 3:3-12

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water; 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up? 11 Therefore,