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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

Scary!" This could well be the reaction of a teenager who foolishly viewed a terror film. Unfortunately, that is the same word people are using as they view the present economic and international crises.

However, fear is often misplaced. The Bible speaks of two kinds of fear. One is the fear of the natural man when confronted with alarming circumstances. The other is the reverential awe (fear) of the spiritual man who is conscious of the eternal holiness and glory of Almighty God. As the old hymn says:

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear!

— Nicholas Brady (1639-1726)

The Fear Factor

In Psalm 36:1 and Romans 3:18 we read: "*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*" These verses have a backdrop of human arrogance and spiritual apathy.

Human Arrogance. The phrase: "*There is no fear of God before their eyes,*" is recorded in the context of the arrogance of man. Such arrogance is described as of a person who, "*flattereth himself*" (v.2); "*The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit and he has ceased to be wise*" (v.3); "*He devises mischief on his bed: he setteth himself in a way that is not good*" (v.4).

Fittingly, the American Heritage Dictionary defines a Politician as: "One who seeks or holds political office. One who seeks personal or partisan gain often by cunning or dishonest means." Whereas, a Statesman is defined as: "A leader of national and international affairs as a disinterested promoter of the public good."

It is even a greater reproach when the Church becomes political in its procedures and departs from the selfless leadership of spiritual statesmanship. Sadly, when the church employs Madison Avenue merchandising as a substitute for spiritual power, the flesh will readily volunteer for service ignoring the dynamic motivation of the indwelling Christ.

Oswald Chambers said: "The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service for Him. We are not sent to battle for God but to be used by God in His battling. Are we being more devoted to service than to Jesus Christ? We must all beware of anything that competes with loyalty to Jesus Christ."

So, instead of making our plans and then asking God to bless them, let us bow in reverential awe before the Head of the Church with total availability to His Lordship for the outworking of His eternal purposes of blessing. As Thomas Hughes wrote:

Yet who can fight for truth and God,
Enthralled by lies and sin?
He who would wage such war on earth
Must first be true within.

Spiritual Apathy. As in Psalm 36, likewise we read in Romans 3:18: "*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*" This too is found in the context of a catalog of sins that reveal the potential wickedness of the human heart without a Savior:

*There is none that seeketh after God.
There is none that understandeth,
There is none that doeth good, no, not one
There is none righteous, no, not one* (vs.10-12).
There is no fear of God before their eyes. (vs.18).
Therefore: *The way of peace have they not known* (v.17).

The Faith Factor

Yes, in spite of such apathy and arrogance, God graciously displayed His glory at the birth of His beloved Son.

We read that "*the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were very afraid.*" Then the angel said "**FEAR NOT!**" With joy they found JESUS and returned glorifying and praising God "*for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told unto them*" LUKE 2:20.

Yes! "*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*" Thirty three years later, this spotless Lamb of God died in our place to make it possible for any man, woman, boy or girl to be delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son.

As we by faith receive the Lord Jesus, it is through His blood that we receive forgiveness of sins and enjoy peace with God. Therefore, let all our fears depart. Remember, Jesus said: "*I will warn you whom you should fear; fear Him who, after killing, has power to hurl into hell, yes I say, unto you, fear Him!*" LUKE 12:5 Amplified Bible. Then there is nothing else to fear because Jesus is in total control.

Now, because of the "Finished Work" of our Lord Jesus, every born again believer will one day stand unashamed and unafraid before His glory and holiness. Amazing grace!

Thank you for your prayers and love at this time. May we together trust the Lord to further His ministry through CCIM as we reach many who "*sit in darkness and in the shadow of death*" PSALM 107:10.

Together in His Name,

Good News from Africa!

The Kenya Trans World Radio Audience Relations Officer writes: *“Praise the Lord, we serve a faithful God. We have received wonderful letter excerpts and they are really encouraging. Our prayer is that God will provide for our listeners so that they can continue to write to us either a letter or SMS [text] message.*

We have the pleasure to report that we continue distributing CCIM books both in English and Swahili together with the tracts Hope for the Hopeless. The letters received plus the SMS messages and personal visitors to our offices, give us a smiling face to know that we are reaching God’s people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through the ‘Dorothy’s Daily Devotional’ [DDD] programs. People are hungry for the Word of God and are most grateful for the Bibles currently being widely distributed.”

For your rejoicing we share a few of the responses recently received from radio listeners to the “DDD” program. Please join us in prayer for these precious individuals and their families at this critical time.



SMS – Praise the Lord! I love listening to DDD program and I am proud to say that I gave my life to Jesus after Dorothy spoke to my heart. Please send me *Food for Faith* book to help me grow in my faith.



Nairobi – I thank God for Sister Dorothy for inspiring my life with the word of God. The anointing of God is upon her because the way she presents the gospel is unique and simple. Easy to understand and to say “Yes” to Jesus. I have grown in my faith through this short program and the book *Food for Faith*. The writer is such a wonderful servant of God. He understood the needs of a believer before he wrote the book. God bless this wonderful couple.



SMS – The first time I listened to DDD program I wondered why this sister was giving such short messages. I did not want to listen to her although I am born again. A time came when I was going through spiritual dry moments and it only took that short message to stir me up to my normal spiritual life. God bless her.



Nakuru – Sister Dorothy, I always thank God for your beautiful voice and for your wonderful presentation of the word of God. Your voice draws one to listen to your program and I am so blessed that I never miss it. God bless you.



SMS – I was introduced to this program by a friend of mine and from that time I have never missed to give my time to it and feed from this daughter of God. God bless her.



Eldoret – I have learnt to read and meditate upon the word of God after listening to DDD program. I congratulate her for her short yet powerful messages. If one follows her keenly there is a lot of sense in her giving a short message rather than a long one. Keep it up!



Visitor – Thank you so much for the Bible you gave me. I am now able to follow Sister Dorothy’s scripture when she mentions it on radio. God bless you for *Food for Faith*.



SMS – I have been a listener of the DDD program from the time it started and I must admit that I have been blessed. After having said that I wish to congratulate Sister Dorothy and Brother Richard for giving their time for God’s service. They are very generous in both giving the word of God and books. God bless both of them with His everlasting blessings. [ED: take this as a thank you for your involvement!]



Kitale – How are you madam! I am a listener of your daily program on KBC radio. Thanks to you and all others involved for the much you are doing in blessing our lives. May God bless you abundantly. I am kindly requesting for the book of religious nourishment you are offering.



SMS – I admire the way Dorothy has mastered the Bible and the way she presents it in short time yet very fulfilling. God bless her and thank you for the books.

Good News from Israel!

Dear friends, My wife and I finished reading the book you so graciously sent us—*Your Quest for God* by R. Bennett. This book inspired and rejoices us. We decided to receive Jesus as Lord and we have Him in our lives.

Could you please send us two more copies of your book for our children? We want to see them with their wives and their children make the same joyful experience.

Many thanks. – Karmiel [ED: Please pray!]

Please join us in prayer for:

- * For the new doors of opportunity to broadcast “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” program (DDDP) over new TWR FM radio stations in Kenya.
- * For the ongoing prayerful distribution of Bibles to the poor and spiritually needy throughout Kenya.
- * For His provision to translate, print and prayerfully distribute CCIM literature in multiple West African languages.
- * For the daily Arabic broadcast of CCIM books, and the dangerous distribution of books and CD’s to multiple listeners throughout the Middle East and North Africa.
- * The ongoing preparation of CCIM literature through radio and internet into China and Asia.
- * The ongoing distribution of CCIM literature in Israel.
- * Those helping to translate, print and distribute CCIM books for use as a tool of evangelism and discipleship throughout East, West, South and North Africa; India; Japan; South America and elsewhere.