

*The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.* **Psalm 119:160**

## Store In My Heart

### Titus 2:12

training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Paul writes to Titus with a similar focus as his first letter to Timothy. Both were probably written about the same time and contain instruction for both men regarding their continued work among the congregations, Timothy around Ephesus and Titus on Crete.

The verse above speaks of the focus these men were to instill within their listeners. Turning from the world we must set our minds to live godly throughout our time on Earth. Much like the instruction to the brethren in Colossae, we must put off the old and put on the new. If we focus on developing such an attitude in our daily life, we will go a long way to being what God would have us to be. Are you in training?



# Those Who Tremble At His Word

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Standing on the beach is such a beautiful experience. Gazing across the water stretching beyond the horizon with the sun dancing playfully along its waves can bring a sense of calm. The lapping of water upon the shore feels sweet on bare feet. The soft breeze reminds one of the grandeur of God's creation and His awesome power. It does not suggest a time of fear when viewing the tides rolling in and out. From the pen of the prophet Jeremiah comes the stern warning of the Lord when He inquires: *"Hear this now, O foolish people, without understanding, who have eyes and see not, and who have ears and hear not: Do you not fear Me?" says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it"* (Jeremiah 5:21-22).

While there is a feeling of calm repose enjoying the splendor of the oceans ebb the other side of reality is a reminder that the Creator has established laws that will not allow the waters to go beyond their habitation. There are many things man can look at of his creation and marvel at the ingenuity but how can man compare with the workings of the Almighty when he determines the boundaries of the waves? The Lord suggests to all men the need of fearing Him who is able to establish such things.

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## For Our Information

Joyce Venable is sleeping most of the time and not eating very much.

Brenda Keisler will be doing physical therapy for her hip.

The Simpson family is in Star City this weekend.

Dottie Henderson is doing well after a fall last week.

Tonight we start in 2Samuel 14:22.

Wednesday we will start Colossians 2:1.

Come study with us.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

More than just a realization of the power of God through acts of nature man must also be in awe of another creation of God that is incomparable to the greatest works of man. *“For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the LORD. ‘But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word” (Isaiah 66:2).* Few regard the word of God as a fearful book anymore. The pages of holy writ were held in honor and reverence by God fearing people who believed every word of its pages and sought to live under the grace of the message of God. The moral fiber of society has eroded the interest in the Bible to where it is seldom quoted, often neglected and impugned in character as a book out of touch.

The apostle Paul described the character of Jehovah in **Romans 11:22** – *“Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off”.* The righteousness of God and the wrath of God is revealed in the word of God (**Romans 1:16-18**). The trembling of man's heart is brought about by his recognition of how great Jehovah God is (the *“earth is my footstool”* **Isaiah 66:1**) and how dependent man is for everything (**Psalms 96**).

Trembling before the commands of the Lord is respecting the sacred message of the Book. *“And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up” (Nehemiah 8:5).* The purity of the message must be honored. From the pages of God's word is grace, mercy and truth. Our eternal destiny is bound in the pages of God's word. Jesus Christ said, *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him— the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).*

Ezra pled with those who trembled at the commandments of the Lord to put away their unlawful wives (**Ezra 10:3**). *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7).*

(Though we should read Scripture often, we must be careful that we do not begin to treat it as ‘just another good book’ lest we make it easier to dismiss disagreeable teachings. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!