

# Trembling at the Word of God

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- Isaiah was a prophet sent to Israel ~725 BC. He warned both Israel and Judah of coming judgment because of their idolatry.
- But as with many prophets, he also preached repentance.
- Our text, ... *But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.*

# Introduction

- YHWH was seeking:
  - 1) The one with a contrite (humble) spirit
  - 2) The one who trembles at His word
- What does it mean to tremble at God's word?
- We live in a society where God's word is NOT respected.
  - 1) Outright rejected by most
  - 2) Redefined and questioned by many
  - 3) Believed in, but not fully applied
- These do NOT tremble at His word!

# Trembling at God's word

- To tremble means to shake with anxiety and fear. Often the result of being startled or great uncertainty.
- In scripture, many trembled:
  - Exodus 19:16, Hebrews 12:18-21** – Israel, Moses
  - 1 Samuel 4:13** – Eli
  - Acts 9:6** – Saul
  - Acts 16:29** – the Philippian jailer
  - Acts 24:24-25** - Felix

# Trembling at God's word

- We need to tremble at God's word.
- What God says is not mere suggestion
- The Bible is not a novel, self-help book, psychology manual, etc.
- It is God's word delivered to us –  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12**  
**1 Peter 4:11** – speak as the oracles of God
- The seriousness of God's word ought to provoke us to trembling.

# When we tremble at God's word

- We will approach it with humility
  - The contrite heart – **Isaiah 66:2**
  - Matthew 5:3** – poor in spirit
  - Psalm 34:18**, *The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.*

# When we tremble at God's word

- We will treat His word with reverence
  - **Hebrews 12:28-29**
- **Psalm 111:9-10**, *He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.*
- **Nehemiah 8:5** - the people stood
- **Romans 1:24-25, 3:18** – why many reject His word
- IF what we are holding is God's word, or even a copy of it, we ought to give it the respect it deserves.

# When we tremble at God's word

- We will seek to learn its intended message
- **2 Timothy 2:15**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13**, they welcomed His word as truth that effectively works in you.
- **Nehemiah 8:8**, *So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.*
- **Acts 8:30-35** – Philip and the eunuch
- **Ephesians 5:17** – understand...

# When we tremble at God's word

- **We will seek to apply what we have learned**
- It is not enough to know!
- **Luke 6:46**
- **James 1:22-25**, doers and not hearers only
- **Psalm 119:100**, *I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.*
- OFTEN, when you “do”, it helps you gain better understanding

# When we tremble at God's word

- **We will let it transform us**
- We want God's word to mold and change us.
- **Isaiah 64:8**, *But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.*
- **Romans 12:2**, be transformed by the renewing of your minds
- **1 Corinthians 6:11**, *...such were some of you.*
- **1 Peter 4:4-5** – people should notice the change

# When we tremble at God's word

- We realize it is the standard that will judge us one day
- **John 12:48**, *the word I have spoken...*
- **Revelation 20:12**, books were opened

# When we tremble at God's word

- We will NOT...
- Look for loopholes – **Luke 10:29, Matthew 15:1-9**
- Twist its meaning – **2 Peter 3:16**  
**Revelation 22:18-19, Proverbs 30:6**
- Pick and choose which parts to accept –  
**James 2:10, cf. Matthew 19:22**

**Are you keeping God's word  
as you ought to?**

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**If not, you ought to be trembling!**

**How seriously do you  
view God's word?**

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