

Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 6:19

“And He smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the Ark of the LORD...” 1 Samuel 6:19

Never forget that, “the fear of the LORD prolongs days.” (Proverb 10:27). How easy it is in our desire to call people to enjoy the goodness of God and to walk with Him in a close personal relationship, that we neglect the necessity of instructing them to a holy fear – a reverential trust of His Majesty! An intimate relationship is not the same as a familiar one. He is our Father, not our “pal”. He is our Master, not our equal. He has chosen us, we did not chose Him! Yes, He desires to be our Friend, but ever remember Who it is that has befriended you!

The beloved disciple John, (John 21:7, 20), understood these things. As the disciple who leaned upon the breast of Jesus, an obvious expression of close and personal relationship, this same John who upon seeing Jesus in His glorious majesty, fall at His feet “as dead.” (Revelation 1:10-18).

Would it not be prudent for us to once again cultivate the same spirit that was upon the LORD Jesus Christ? “And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him... the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD, and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD.” (Isaiah 11:2-3)

Holy Spirit, thank You for helping me cultivate the same fear of the LORD that my Lord Jesus embodied as He lived upon this earth.