



“So now, come back to your God! Act on the principles of love and justice, and always live in constant dependence on your God.” Hosea 12:6 NLT

The real essence of the sinful nature is its independence from the Creator. “...for without Me you can do nothing.” (Psalm 15:5). It’s foreign to our thinking; reliance on anyone or anything is thought to be a hindrance to our individuality. It “cramps our style” to be subjected to another person. We fear that dependence upon another may cause us to lose a part of ourselves. Based upon our personal and collective histories and memories that is exactly what transpires. One only need to read the daily news to see the horrors individuals as well as dictators perpetrate upon others for us to see why such fears are rampant today within our culture.

So it is no wonder that such fears often keeps us from experiencing the fullness of life only Jesus Christ can offer to us. When we fashion our ideologies and beliefs from false assumptions concerning God’s character we shrink back from Him rather than draw near to Him.

Dependence upon God is not the same thing as a smothering mother who rules over her grown children’s lives making everyone miserable. Dependence upon God is not the same as wards of the state that are cared for by power hungry politicians and job secure bureaucrats “cradle to the grave.”

Our dependence upon God is more like the vital relationship between a finger and the body. Without the body the finger literally dies. Connection to the Lord is then quite necessary to life, to purpose and to satisfaction.

Come back to the Lord. Live fully by living dependently upon Him. Such is the secret of abundant life!

“Before the THRONE” and “Before the THRONE – The Devotional” are registered trademarks of and published by Spencers Unleashed, Inc. All rights reserved, contents may be quoted or reprinted, provided excerpts are in context.

© 2005 and © 2006 by Mark D. Spencer and Spencers Unleashed, Inc. For additional information see us at www.spencersunleashed.com or at www.innercourt.com or at www.feargod.com