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Dealing with

FOREBODINGS SPIRITS

We bring greetings to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

I would like to introduce you to a short booklet that I have written. It deals with three types of foreboding spirits, their source, their purpose, and their consequences.

The following article explains my motivation for producing such a message.

A number of people have either e-mailed or called expressing a feeling of spiritual oppression and/or heaviness or darkness in their immediate surroundings.

They have stated that they are totally mystified as to what is happening to them. They have no clue as to their source or how to cope.

First, let me explain the general condition of the average churchgoing "Christian" in today's society. Perhaps this introduction will help you to evaluate your situation and better understand the booklet's message.

Multitudes are overwhelmed with the circumstances of life with which they are confronted on a daily basis.

These pressures have stolen the tranquility from many of the children of God who once knew His exhilarating joy and peace in their daily relationship with our Heavenly Father.

The invasion of *satan and his demonic forces who are waging war against every believer; those who dare to walk in the statutes of God and acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Redeemer has promoted confusion and fear upon multitudes.

Many are caught in the spiraling downfall of their financial situation, loss of jobs and/or income.

Their once comfortable security which they had in this Babylonian system has evaporated into thin air.

The modernistic "new age" philosophies of the late 20th, and now the 21st-century which subtly replaced the pure standards of God with contaminated and rewritten Scripture have proven to have all of the stability of quicksand.

The false doctrine so prevalently taught today caters to a generation that has a "consumer mentality" with a demanding attitude of "make me feel good now; I will worry about the consequences later."

This makes it very easy for the self-indulgent church to present its deceitful message, referred to as "people and/or client friendly" to those who are more interested in satisfying the lusts of the flesh than in the Rock solid statutes of our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, far too many pastors are more interested in the numbers tallied in church attendance and financial collection than the spiritual condition of their membership.

Their message has the texture of newborn baby food and the stability of warm beer froth. "Give them what they want to hear, make them feel good, keep them busy with the multitudes of "good deed" programs and they will be too busy to recognize their spiritual poverty", they reason.

While multitudes flock to these churches believing that they must be preaching the truth simply because of their size and popularity, they soon find themselves bewildered, frustrated and overworked as they try to silence the gnawing emptiness within their inner being.

Eventually, they begin to reflect on the hollow unrest and the emptiness within their spirit. They often ask the question: "There has to be more to Christianity than this; doesn't there?"

Multitudes are lulled into a deceptive spell, believing that they have attained the spiritual fulfillment they seek, only to find disillusionment and torment.

No one has told them of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ; that he can break the bondage of the law of sin and death, forgive their transgressions and restore them to new life in the righteousness of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The hireling shepherds have skillfully blinded their eyes that they cannot see, and stopped their ears that they cannot hear.

At this point a *foreboding spirit* begins to overwhelm them. First, disillusionment, then discouragement, soon; hopeless fear and tormenting musings lead them down the road of no return.

Some allow God to soften their heart as he begins to lead them back to the Scriptures or bring someone into their life who will tell them the truth.

Tragically there will be multitudes who believe they have found all there is to find. Though empty and hollow it might be, they will go into eternity never knowing the redeeming power of Jesus Christ, our wonderful Lord, Redeemer and soon coming King.

Their disillusionment will bring them to exit the organized church. They will wander about aimlessly, as they search for inner satisfaction. Many will drift into cultish doctrines that promote malice and hate, denying Almighty God and Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

Others will become involved in mythical Eastern religions in developing the practice of self-serving helps, mental stimulation, and a regimen of physical exercise designed to bring the body into control. In other words, their faith in God has totally evaporated bringing them to conclude that the only power they can depend upon is their own.

Others will openly adhere to the "new age" and "occultist" practices, deny that there is a creator God, falling into satan's trap of arrogance and pride.

They conclude that every individual has the attributes of God and can be as successful as their "awakened" inner being chooses to accomplish. Thus, the philosophy "live and let live" becomes the theme of their life.

There are three types of forebodings spirits.

1. Evil spirits that originates from satan;
2. Corrupt spirits that originate in man;
3. Conviction or warning Spirit originating from the Holy Spirit;

Our booklet entitled "Dealing with Foreboding Spirits" identifies each of these while giving insight as to how they work.

You may obtain the booklet free of charge from our webpage at www.christianliving101.org or write to us at: P.O. Box 72150, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

Our website features our weekly Bible study, plus a daily "Thought for the Day", numerous articles, music CDs/DVDs and an archives page from which you can listen or download over a 175 previous Bible studies. These are available 24/7.

We deeply appreciate your prayerful and financial support.

We pray that God tremendously blesses each of you.

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- I refuse to give satan credibility by capitalizing his name.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

T J, Our Web Master, has enabled us to put Christian Living 101 on "You Tube" and "Twitter."

You will find the Bible Study only (No music or communion service) as we are limited to 10 minutes in the amount of space that we may use in any upload.

The current programs will be uploaded in 3 parts each week. To view the entire study, simply click on part 1; upon completion of viewing, click parts 2 and 3, respectively.

We will eventually have all 182 studies on "Twitter" and "You Tube" with new studies added weekly.

You can always view or download the entire program on the web page at christianliving101.org any time 24/7.

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NEW FEATURES

1. We will occasionally feature articles from other ministers in the "Articles" page on our web site. They will be used by permission only.

We will be selective and will try to avoid publications that are doctrinally arguable.

2. ***Secular information page:*** Many interesting points of information come to us through e-mail. Some of them are very pertinent to our Christian freedoms. Others are inspirational or practical articles that might be helpful for daily living. They cannot be considered Biblical or Spiritual; just good items of interest.

T J will develop this page as time permits. We are interested to know if this worthwhile. ***Give us your opinion.***

We give all glory and praise to our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

Your fellow servant in His Kingdom,

Pastor Applegate