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CALEB THOMPSON'S *SIMPLICITY*

(Reviewed and Refuted)

"Sadly, many tend to view God with the same distorted perspective...God is often thought to be some fierce, angry authority just waiting for us to slip and fall. Like the dreaded visit to the principal's office, we often wish to avoid any interaction with him."

Deuteronomy 9:20 And the LORD was **very angry** with Aaron to have destroyed him...

Psalms 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day.**

Jonah 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from **his fierce anger**, that we perish not?

Psalms 2:11 Serve the LORD **with fear**, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, **lest he be angry**, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Isaiah 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary...

Malachi 2:5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and **I gave them to him for the fear** wherewith he feared me, and **was afraid** before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him** which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without **your Father**.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here **in fear**:

2 Corinthians 5:9 Wherefore **we labour, that**, whether present or absent, **we may be accepted of him.**

10 For we must all appear before **the judgment** seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

11 **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men...

Hebrews 10:31 It is a **fearful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.

"As long as we toe the line and operate within set parameters, we'll be okay. As for a personal relationship with him, who in their right mind wants to be on a first-name basis with the principal?"

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

"...who in their right mind wants to be on a first-name basis with the principal?..."

"Exactly what means did Satan use to beguile Eve? He made her self-conscious..."

"He [Jesus Christ] did not shed his blood to keep us out of pool halls...He did not face the agony of Calvary to institute hemlines and haircuts!"

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us **have grace**, whereby we may serve God acceptably **with reverence and godly fear**:
29 For our God is a **consuming fire**.

1 John 3:5 And ye know that **he was manifested to take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not...

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil...

Titus 2:11 For the **grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
14 Who **gave himself** for us, **that he** might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

"The simplicity of faith has been masterfully replaced with the complexity of religion, with dogmas, do's and don'ts..."

"This faith is consumed with its behavior and performance, its appearance..."

"A poor celestial rating doesn't cause it to look upon Jesus..."

1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

"...but to examine itself more closely, not to express more love, but to try harder."

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

"Faith in all its vibrancy and vitality has been reduced to a prayer, going to church, working in a ministry, and telling others out of obligation about a God who seems impossible to please..."

"Rather than the emphasis being placed upon the regenerating power of God's grace, it has been laid upon personal sanctification."

"Regardless of what you've been led to believe, we were not saved by the blood of Christ to escape hell..."

"Not only is God not angry or frustrated with you, but he is actually infatuated with you!"

"There is not a creed or dogma or behavior that can bring you any closer to fellowship with God..."

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie...

"The truly righteous person then, is the one who assumes no personal expectations..."

"Your efforts don't count."

"Our sins were imputed to Jesus. We are not to be conscious of our sins."

"The Scripture that reads, 'If you live after the flesh, ye shall die...' is not ultimately a warning about obvious sins like lying, stealing, fornication...he is warning about good deeds...motivated by guilt...If we are going to be accepted, it will not be by any moral effort, but only by grace..."

"I am pretty sure that the lie he is telling you right now is that this whole concept of holiness is a licentious, non-committal apostasy."

"John's contradiction is solved: 'Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin' (1 John 3:9), is not referring to your flesh. It is referring to your spirit...which is incapable of sin..."

"Although we may clearly understand that our own efforts had nothing to do with salvation from the penalty of sin, we may not understand that our own efforts are powerless also from salvation from sin's power...Not only is your positional holiness a product of grace, so is your practical holiness."

"Oswald Chambers once said, 'If we worship God from fear, dread, duty, or superstition, we are wrong...If we do anything to appease God, we are committing iniquity'...Oswald Chambers observed...'Some of us make a virtue of modesty...'..."

"This man Swedenborg! Was there ever his like before or since?..."
(Oswald Chambers)

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