

## Intimidation

Intimidation is the staunch enemy of YHWH. It stands very rigidly against faith. One root of intimidation is the fear of rejection. We must learn to discern between intimidation and a proper fear of YHWH.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Jude 1:9 — The angel Michael didn't rebuke Satan, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." An improper fear of YHWH will cause us to act impulsively and even foolishly. But intimidation will cause us to be cowards. Cowardice comes from intimidation. Ultimately, cowardice will be based on the things we determine in our hearts (whether we are being intimidated or not). No coward will enter the Kingdom of God. A coward is a man without faith.

It wouldn't be so hard if it wasn't for self regard. Self regard is always the reason for intimidation. But when we enter salvation we enter the man where intimidation comes to an end. When we are baptized, our hearts become new (the desires of our hearts), but our minds are still the same. So our minds must be renewed.

If you are in the anointing of the anointed One and abiding, fear will be cast out and self regard will end. Intimidation is against the cross. The spirit of intimidation is the most evil and most damaging toward the Kingdom because it keeps you from expressing what the Lord puts in your heart.

Intimidation comes from a dirty conscience. It comes from a conscience that is weak and unable to speak to us louder than the voice of intimidation. The conscience is the voice of our spirit; a window whereby the spirit speaks to the soul. Intimidation is an evil angel that directly opposes YHWH.

Intimidation has a foothold in our life when we have self regard. This causes us to not be able to talk to people because we're afraid of being rejected (physically hurt or verbally abused). But God will not allow anything to happen to us until the bride is ready.

The spirit of man is where our motivating force overflows into our will. But intimidation makes the spirit fail and be cast down. Dan 11:32 — By smooth words, the anti christ will turn people to Godlessness. But those who know their God (have conviction) will not be intimidated. Old Testament examples of cowardice are Lev 26:37; Dt 20:8; Jos 7:5; 23:10; Jdg 7:3; 1 Kng 22 (Micaiah); Pr 29:25; Pr 28:1.

*Intimidation* — to confuse or confound by exciting sudden consciousness of self of bearing reproach, error, inferiority; to cause you to be afraid to spread the gospel. The enemy arouses you to sudden guilt, reproach and fear, because of what you say, think, or feel you are. The spirit of intimidation makes you feel like you are peculiar or weird or strange in the eyes of the world, but the world is perverted. We are normal. We must have revelation of this.

*Timid* — a lack of boldness and determination. Determination must come from our own regenerated spirit which shows regeneration by its own dominion, giving the Messiah pre eminence in all things. Timidity is lacking courage or confidence, lacking trust in the Lord, being cringing slaves of fear, crouching under oppression. A timid person would rather remain miserable than do anything about it. God will encourage us and comfort us to follow Him. Our biggest problem is that we think we have fellowship with God when in reality we are still trying to save ourselves by our "good deeds" (our dirty stinking deeds). God has forgiven us, and He is interested in us having fellowship with Him, not in paying for our sins. He has already paid for our sins. We must believe and rest in Him.

"If he shrinks back, my soul has no delight in him." If this is your attitude, you doubt the anointing that you are in. Held back by intimidation, the anointing does not rest on you (Heb 10:38).

We will never have pre eminence if we don't overcome intimidation. We need to go to the throne and find grace there and receive it. Being intimidated is un Christ like behaviour. The anointing of YHWH does not rest on anyone who is intimidated.

If we have faith, our emotions will be redeemed. Our emotions are perverted, but they are being restored. One day we will totally feel the warmth and strength and encouragement of the Holy Spirit. We (man) have fallen so far that it takes a long time for the Lord to heal us with gentleness, compassion, and mercy.

The reason God's will has not been achieved in any age is because of intimidation, fear, and cowardice. This was Achan's motive for taking those things and hiding them under his tent in (Jos 7) — the fear that YHWH would not provide. Peter made a bold statement, saying, "I'll never deny you" (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; Jn 18). But on the day of Pentecost, Peter denied the intimidation that he had fallen to when he denied the Lord three times. He had repented.

YHWH doesn't want us to pay for our sins. He wants us to abide in the vine. The Holy Spirit abides in us and keeps us from sinning. We do not want to sin anymore. That is why we are crying out to be delivered. Penance is from a rotten foundation.

True obedience is functioning from the heart, not out of right or wrong. Perfect love casts out all fear. The question is, do we know the Father loves us? YHWH's greatest desire is that we would believe He loves us. Through this belief we will come to know Him and all fear and intimidation will leave us. The Lord is not going to let anything come upon us that He has not prepared us for.

The sin of unbelief is not knowing our God or the history of our nation. God would have been a liar if Yahshua had not overcome. Too often our relationship with our earthly parents is motivated by guilt. We feel strongly obligated towards them, wanting them to be saved. But nothing can happen until we cut that umbilical cord. We must come to the reality that we are cut off from them and no longer have the same life they have anymore. If they are not against us, they are for us, "BUT" he who does not gather with me scatters. A prophet is NEVER received in his hometown.

Self regard is a learned reaction to fear that goes deep into our autonomic nervous system. That reaction to fear is to save ourselves (survival). When we come to a situation where we must suffer reproach, our autonomic nervous system bats its eye. And all of a sudden we're intimidated. But YHWH is not that way. If He talks to us about sin, it is to deliver us from it. (Even though our parents haven't led us into the kingdom it is still in us to want to please them.) The word of God would not speak clearly against every spirit of the world — intimidation, fear, hunger, sleepiness, thirst, etc. — if Yahshua had not cast them all down.

The root of all fear is that we fear death. We shun the cross and seek to preserve our lives and the result is that we lose our soul. If we take our sins to the cross they will die quickly. They will not linger on. If we don't, they will linger on and we will die quickly! Only the cross will deliver us from the fear of death. We must pray for boldness to speak about Yahshua. The righteous ones are bold as lions. The fear of man brings us to a snare. Satan will devour us if we let intimidation to overtake us.

An evangelist is a person who stirs up evangelism. He's a gift to the church and instills boldness in those around him. A true evangelist is without strife, speaking out of love and compassion for people. Intimidation is so evil it makes us cringe inside as others go to the lake of fire. Intimidation is the inward condition that rules over our own love for the salvation of our soul so that we never take dominion — initiative, determination. Intimidation will keep us emasculated. Anything that we've learned in the world that's gone in to our autonomic nervous system must be overcome and overrun. We must replace intimidation with FAITH!

Mt 28:18 — Yahshua has all power and authority in heaven and on earth. We are given this same authority in His anointing. We are called to overcome intimidation, fear, condemnation, worthlessness, self, and every other opposing spirit, to the love of YHWH.

Self regard means that you are so concerned for yourself that you can't have communion with YHWH. But faith springs forth out of death to self. Faith calls for love, wisdom and boldness.

Defilement means to be under the foot of another, and man is under defilement because he is under Satan's dominion.

Doubting is the same as calling God a liar. A doubter is a false accuser. True disciples will have no

other interest than God's interest. If we are intimidated all the time and can't speak, it is because we have an enslaved mentality. Being an overcomer is the least one can do. We must become believers and stay connected to the Vine. This is our salvation and our strength.

The degree that we live for ourselves is the degree that we have worry, fear, doubt, and frustration (all intimidation).