

Worry—The Unspoken Accuser of our God!

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I can remember when it seemed like a month between weekends and now it seems like a month between years. A funny thing about aging is time becomes a very precious commodity. That is only natural, but our understanding of time isn't always the same as God's.

In February of 1994 an old friend of mine prophesied to me concerning some things that God wanted to do in my life. One of them was to teach me some things about meditation—meditation on the person of God. For many years A.W. Tozer's, THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY has been a book that I read over and over. Not long ago it became a means by which God began fulfilling my friend's prophecy.

I had just finished reading the chapter on the faithfulness of God and began to meditate on the implications of God's faithfulness, when His Spirit seemed to open my eyes to its reality. I recalled the times I had been engaged in the practice of what I call “whining” some prefer the term “intercession.” In either case the mind is producing thoughts or conceptions of God that are unworthy of Him. In my life it seems that the most subtle form of unworthy meditation on God is simple worry. Worry about anything is often a true appraisal of how we perceive God's faithfulness and provision. At the same time I was remembering all the times that God came through. Sometimes it wasn't until the very last second, but He was and is always faithful. Having been a Marine you think I would remember the motto *Semper-Fidelis* or always faithful. Needless to say a change was in order.

I wonder how many times we have allowed the circumstances and situations of life, that didn't go just the way we thought they should, to become the accuser of our God? To us, sin is the nasty and unloving overt things we do. Most of us do not even consider the covert sin of our thought life. Yet, this little thing we call “worry,” which we consider to be just a part of normal life, can greatly hinder our personal intimacy with Jesus. We wonder where the feelings went and start crying out for *revival* or an outpouring of His Spirit, when simple repentance just might be the ticket to what we really need.

Revival is beginning to sweep our nation and reports are coming in from other parts of the world as well. The devil would most certainly like to misdirect our focus to the accompanying phenomena, rather than the fruitful reunion of intimate communion with our heavenly Father. I pray that

all the wonderful *things* that are taking place as a result of the outpouring of His Spirit do not become the center of our focus.

With our Father, being and doing, thought and expression, are the same. However, we are not like Him. We always seem to be about the *doing* part without the *being* part. If we want to see this move of God's precious, manifested presence preserved, then all activity or ministry must come from our relationship with Jesus. If we truly want the kind of enduring relationship that God wants us to have with Him then the challenge to repent of worry in our daily lives must come to fruition. Worry is the unspoken accuser of our God! God is faithful and He will complete the good work He has started in our lives. All He requires from us is faith in His faithfulness.