

# ***FEAR, TREMBLING, AND HOLY JOY***



**In Awe of You- Deborah Nell**

Mary was terrified when she saw the angel.

She was baffled by his message.

But when it was all over, she was filled with joy.

***"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."***

***Luke 1:38***

When Peter saw that net come up, filled to the breaking point with fish, he was scared to death.

***"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.!"***

***"Don't be afraid. From now on you will be catching men."***

***And when they brought their boats to land,  
they left everything and followed him.***

***Luke 5:8b, 10b, & 11***

With joy they followed Jesus without concern for the past or the future.

These days there is little "fear and trembling" ....

.....and even less joy.

Joy is not a commodity.

Nor can we generate joy in ourselves.

(Not until we have learned how to "rejoice in the Lord".)

Joy is a gift straight from heaven.

It comes to us when we remove our shoes in the presence of the HOLY.

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

The fear of the Lord is the doorway to joy.

When Jesus speaks, may God give us the grace to listen with fear and trembling.

.....and take off our shoes.



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***As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.***

***If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.***

***These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be full.***

***John 15:9-11***

*Prayer- Holy Lord, help us in these busy lives of ours to stop, lift our eyes and be awed by you. Awed by your divineness, awed by your mercy, awed by your love and awed that you choose to speak to us. Oh loving Lord, we are listening. We take off our shoes. We choose to keep your divine commandments; we choose to abide in your love and we desire to be filled with the fullness of joy that only you can give us.*



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WHO WAS SLAIN  
HAS BEGUN HIS REIGN

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