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TREMBLING BECAUSE OF HIS GOODNESS

Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their King. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days. Hosea 3:5

Fear the Lord and His goodness. What a strange statement. It almost seems like a misprint or misinterpretation. Fearing the Lord we might think we understand, but fear of His goodness. What is that?

Because we have not truly understood what fear is from the Hebrew mindset we sometimes miss powerful truth conveyed to us through the Holy Scriptures where the fear of the Lord is concerned. In this case the fear of the Lord is coupled with the fear of His goodness.

Let's look at the Hebrew word for fear used here in Hosea 3. It is the word pachad pronounced *pah-chad*. It means to be startled, to tremble; to stand in awe, to revere.

Pachad describes a person's reaction to something sudden and startling to the point of trembling. It is a verb- an action word that appears 24 times.

Pachad as a noun also refers to something dreadful and awe-producing. It appears more than 40 times.

The pachad, *fear* used here in this passage prophesies to us that Israel will return to fear the Lord and to fear David their King. David here is the Messianic King- the descendant of David that will sit on the throne forever and ever.

They will tremble because of God's startling, sudden and awesome goodness poured out upon them. We must take note that the scripture gives us a description of the time span that we can begin to look for this fulfillment and it is the time the scripture calls "the latter days"

This verse shows us how positive the Hebrew concept of fear, trembling and reverence really are.

It is the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance!

Get ready to tremble in the fear of the Lord because of the suddenness of His goodness flooding over your life as well as His long promised restoration of goodness toward the natural branches, yes Israel of old.

We are in the latter part of "The Latter Days!" Look up all you that fear the Lord and tremble because of His goodness!

Pray, Read, Meditate, Repent.

Hosea 3:5; Proverbs 28:1-4; Ps. 114:7; Jer. 5:22

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