

REVELATION 14:7 - THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

FEAR GOD

<u>Church</u>	<u>Problem</u>	<u>Antidote</u>	<u>Cleansing</u>	<u>Texts</u>
Smyrna	----	FEAR GOD (fear not man)	<p>Amygdala -Through the grace of Christ, the Smyrna members cooperate with their Saviour, who has identified with them in their suffering. Through this process they are cleansed and purified.</p> <p>This process of 'cleansing the amygdala' in itself is a painful process, for it requires:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A willingness to allow Jesus to separate us from our darling sins 2) Learning to put on the mind of Christ daily and constantly 3) Establishing new habits and thought patterns which are in agreement with God. 	<p>Jeremiah 32:37-40 – I will gather them...I will bring them...I will cause them to dwell safely... I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them; And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good...with my whole heart and my whole soul.</p> <p>Compare with Psalm 119:16. 40. 47, 127, 159.</p> <p>All these texts indicate an attitude of appreciation that express the heart of Christ as a man.</p>
			<p>God uses adversity to purge and cleanse the church. (2T 82)</p> <p>This paves the way for His church to be "pure and holy" before the outpouring of the latter rain.</p>	<p>Proverbs 8:13 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.</p> <p>Luke 23:40 – Dost not thou fear God...?</p> <p>Heb 12:28 --...let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.</p>