

day after day, causing them to destroy that which they love most. It drives hundreds of marriages upon the rocks of the divorce courts. It takes hold of teenagers who think they are in love.

This mad jealous demon gets hold of preachers. A pastor gets jealous over another's pulpit. Another because his fellow minister drives a better car, or receives a larger tithe offering. Others grow jealous because some preacher is building a larger church or preaching to more people than himself. Or perhaps the other preacher has a larger tent. A greater number of converts may be coming to Christ in his meeting. The jealous preacher marks himself immediately when he hears of these things. Instead of rejoicing in the great numbers who are being made ready for heaven, he declares in a jealous rage, "They're not really getting saved!"

This same demon troubles the laity, causing them to murmur, to find fault and to complain. This green-eyed monster is robbing many today of peace of soul and of mind. If you are bound or vexed by this demon of jealousy, God has a method provided to set you free! Don't allow this thing to control your life another moment. **"He whom the Son makes free is free indeed."** Determine now to have victory in your soul and peace in your mind and spirit by trusting God to set you free.

### THE TORMENTING DEMON OF FEAR

**"I WAS AFRAID AND WENT AND HID THY TALENT—."**

**"I'M AFRAID I MIGHT GET SOMETHING THAT ISN'T FROM GOD."**

In Matthew 25:25, we find a man to whom God had given a talent, with careful instructions to make use of it in such a way as to increase it. But he was **AFRAID!** At the coming of the Lord, this man had nothing with which to meet Him, but a feeble excuse: **"I was afraid."** He had been **bound** by fear. It was **FEAR** that caused this man to go down in history branded as an unprofitable servant, and at the Lord's command to be cast into outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. It was fear that closed the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven to him. The same fear that possessed this man "yesterday" possesses many even now.

Could fear be a demon spirit out of the pit? Certainly, a spirit that causes a man to miss the rapture and be cast into outer darkness **DOES NOT COME FROM HEAVEN!**

The greatest enemy in the Old Testament was fear! Again and again, the people all through the Old Testament were admonished, **"Be thou not afraid."** **"Only fear thou not."**

We find as we turn on into the New Testament, fear is also one of the first enemies mentioned there.

Nothing can tie the 'hands' of the church more securely than fear. Nothing can render the church helpless any quicker than the demon of fear.

It has been my privilege, as we travel across the nation, to pray for multitudes that are bound by the tormenting demon of **FEAR!** The greater percentages of these bound by fear are church members who have had a real experience with God in the past. Now, bound by fear, they do not even know whether they are ready for the coming of the Lord!