

A woman with curly hair, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt, is shown in profile, looking to the left. A hand from the right is pulling the back of her shirt, suggesting a physical or metaphorical restraint. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

KEEP ME BACK

PSALMS 19:12-13

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Who can understand his errors?
cleanse thou me from secret
faults. 13 **Keep back thy servant
also from presumptuous sins;** let
them not have dominion over
me: then shall I be upright, and I
shall be innocent from the great
transgression.

Don't Assume

Presume Definition 1:
To take for granted,
assume, or suppose.
To assume as true in
the absence of proof
to the contrary.

James 4:13 - Go to now, ye
that say, To day or to morrow
we will go into such a city,
and continue there a year,
and buy and sell, and get
gain: 14 Whereas ye know
not what shall be on the
morrow. **For what is your life?**
It is even a vapour, that
appeareth for a little time,
and then vanisheth away. 15
For that ye ought to say, If
the Lord will, we shall live,
and do this, or that.

Watch Out

A background image showing three people in business suits standing in a vast, flat, arid landscape under a clear sky. The person in the center is a man, looking through binoculars. To his left is a woman, also looking through binoculars. To his right is another man, looking through binoculars. The scene suggests a sense of vigilance or observation.

Matthew 26:41 -
**Watch and pray,
that ye enter not
into temptation:**
the spirit indeed is
willing, but the
flesh is weak.

1 Peter 5:8 - **Be
sober, be vigilant;**
because your
adversary the
devil, as a roaring
lion, walketh
about, seeking
whom he may
devour:

Search Me

We must remove the presumptions from our heart. The first presumption is that of right standing with God. We presume ourselves to be righteous or that everything is ok spiritually not considering that there be could a mortal sin lurking within our hearts or actions. We should never accept security without first inquiring of God to affirm those things to be so.

Psalms 139:23 - **Search me, O God, and know my heart:** try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And **see if there be any wicked way in me,** and lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Corinthians 13:5 - **Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;** prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?.

Prevention Is Best

Benjamin Franklin: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”

Presume
Definition 2: To undertake with unwarrantable boldness or to do something without right or permission.

Main Text

Psalms 19:13 - Keep
back thy servant
also from
presumptuous (Zed)
sins; let them not
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Zed: Proud,
arrogant, insolent,
presumptuous; From
the root meaning to
“boil up” or “over

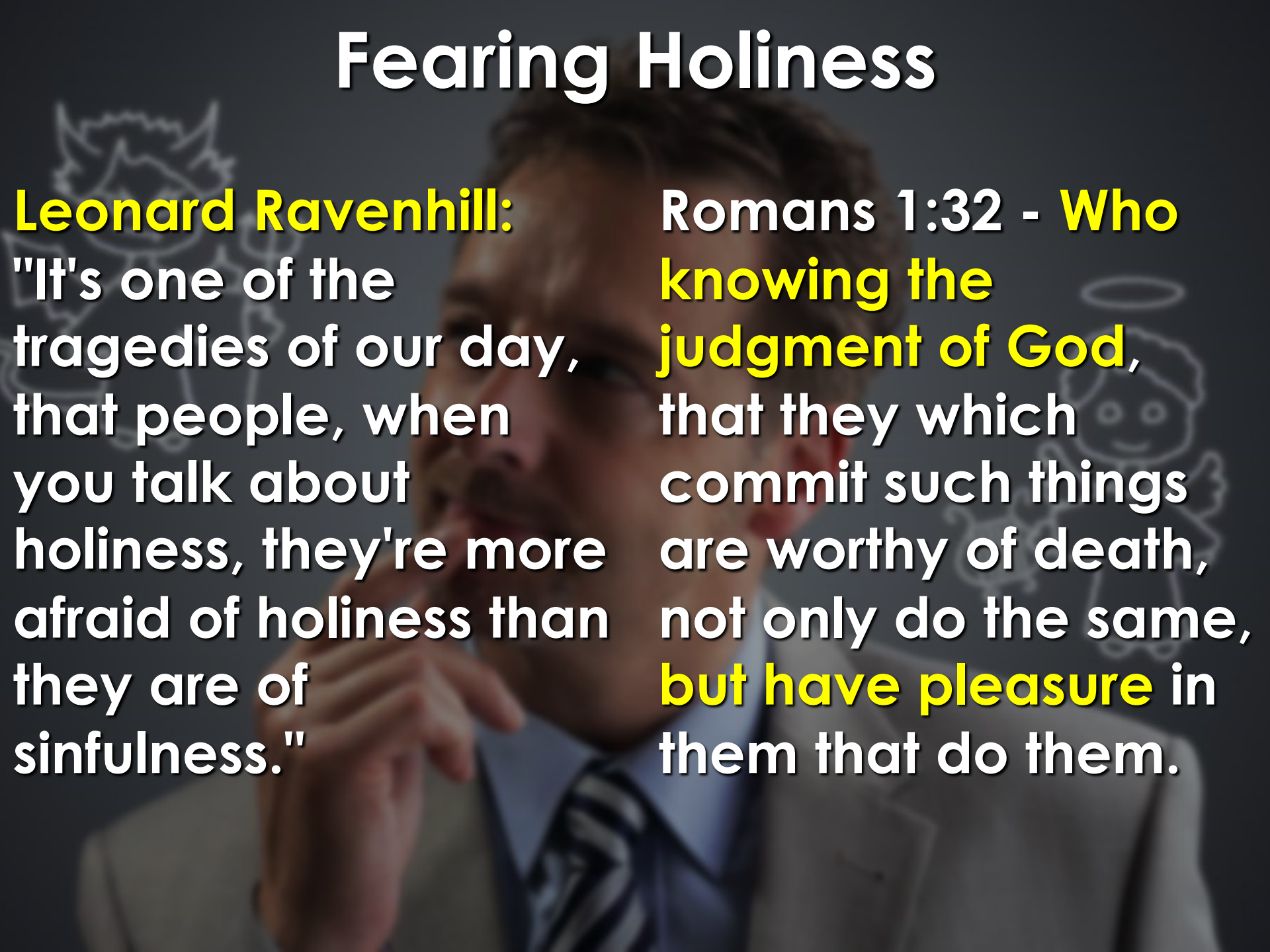
We Don't Have A Right

The second type of presumption is an act of pride and brazenness. In other words keep me back from sins that I think I am entitled to or the ones that I think that I deserve. These are the sins that are the most dangerous because we will resist being rescued from them.

Ruwm: Lift, hold up, exalt, high, heave, rise up, be lofty, be exalted

Numbers 15:29 - Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. 30 But the soul that **doeth ought presumptuously (Ruwm)**, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

Fearing Holiness

A background image of Leonard Ravenhill, a man in a suit and tie, gesturing with his hand. Faint line drawings of a devil and an angel are visible in the background.

Leonard Ravenhill:
"It's one of the tragedies of our day, that people, when you talk about holiness, they're more afraid of holiness than they are of sinfulness."

Romans 1:32 - **Who knowing the judgment of God,** that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, **but have pleasure** in them that do them.

The Story of David and Nabal

1 Samuel 25:2 - And there was a man in **Maon**, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 **Now the name of the man was Nabal**; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: **but the man was churlish and evil in his doings**; and he was of the house of Caleb.

- David asked Nabal for some food for his men who had been protecting his interests.
- **Maon**: Place of sin
- **Nabal**: Fool, Foolish or senseless
- David had been protecting a fool that was living in sin

The Story of David and Nabal

1 Samuel 25:10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. **13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword.** And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

Nabal rejected and insulted him. David takes 400 men to attack Nabal. David says the following:

1 Samuel 25:21 - Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: **and he hath requited me evil for good.** 22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, **if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.**



OFFENDED

I am so reporting YOU

I'm Offended

David had invested in helping this man and was rewarded with rejection and offense. Because of this he presumed the right to commit murder. His presumption was rooted in his wounded pride. Even so there are people who presume a license to commit evil because of their hurts and offenses.

Proverbs 29:22 - An angry man stirreth up strife, and **a furious man aboundeth in transgression.** 23 **A man's pride shall bring him low:** but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit

Proverbs 13:10 - **Only by pride cometh contention:** but with the well advised is wisdom.

Keep Me Back

If an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure to a humble person then an ounce of offense is worth a pound of entitlement to the proud person. What stops this spirit of presumptuous sin? In David's case it was Nabal's Wife.

1 Samuel 25:23 - **And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,** 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, **seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood,** and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

What Stopped David?

- **Abigail:** Father or leader of the dance or leader of joy. The father's joy or my father is joy.
- The father's joy or the joy of the Lord intercepts David to stop him from committing sin.
- What does Abigail who is the father's joy say to David?

The Joy Of The Lord Keeps Us Back

1 Samuel 25:28 - I pray thee, **forgive the trespass** of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; **because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD**, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. 29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; **and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.**

1. The father's joy will tell you to forgive the offense

2. The father's joy will remind you of your purpose (Fighteth the battles of the Lord)

3. The father's joy will encourage you to victory.

The Joy of The Lord Keeps Us Back

The Joy of the Lord
will remind you of
your purpose,
convict you of, and
keep you from sin.

1 Samuel 25:30 - And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 **That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless,** or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

The Joy Of The Lord Keeps Us Back

- It is the joy of the Lord that keeps us back from presumptuous sins.
- David: Means “Beloved”
- When the beloved of God meets the joy of the Lord the sense of entitlement and offense disappears.

1 Samuel 25:32 - And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 **And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood,** and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, **which hath kept me back from hurting thee,** except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

The Power of Joy

The background of the slide features a painting of a woman, Abigail, wearing a red headscarf and a purple robe, holding a basket of food. She is looking towards a man in a dark robe, David, who is shown in profile on the left side of the image. The scene is set in a desert-like environment with warm, golden light.

When Abigail came home from meeting David she told Nabal the news of what happened the next morning.

1 Samuel 25:37 - But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, **that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.**

Joy Sets Us Free

When the father's joy told the source of my offense that I had forgiven it, God killed the source of my offense. When we forgive and listen to the Joy of the Lord, God will take away the offenses and the hurts.

The father's joy had been stuck with a foolish senseless man. When God removes the foolishness in our lives and the offenses we can be married or united with his joy.

1 Samuel 25:39 - And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. **And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.**