

6 Ιουνίου 2018

There's a dichotomy (Elder Joseph of Vatopaidi)

[Ξένες γλώσσες / In English](#)



The Grace which comes from repentance snatches up the soul and wings it towards God, Whose light attracts it. At the beginning, He isn't so apparent, but His warmth,

which is love, starts to soften the heart. Then, strangely, a dichotomy appears in people. On the one hand, they're overcome with fear, or rather horror, at their dreadful sinfulness; and on the other, they're overwhelmed by the grace of God's hitherto unknown presence. The fear side of the dichotomy is superfluous, because, with the presence of Grace, the eyes of the mind are opened and it sees for itself its defilement.