

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“THE FEAR OF THE LORD” (Part 4)

INTRODUCTION:

A. Quotations on The Fear of the Lord:

1. “He that fears God fears nothing else.” – Edmund Burke
2. “But what is this Fear of God? It is that affectionate reverence, by which the child of God bends himself humbly and carefully to his Father’s law.” – Charles Bridges
3. “The Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and they that lack the beginning have neither middle nor end.” – John Bunyan
4. “Righteousness flows from only one principle – The Fear of God.” – John Calvin
5. “The essential ingredients of The Fear of God are correct concepts of the character of God, a pervasive sense of the presence of God and a constant awareness of our obligation to God.” – Al Martin

B. The Meaning of “The Fear of the Lord”

1. It is to have respect for God and to be obedient to Him and His Holy Word.
2. It is a continual awareness of the presence of God, being accountable to Him, which should affect every attitude and action in the life of a Believer.
3. It is seeking to please, (submitting to and obeying) God at all times and in all our ways.

C. Recap of “The Fear of the Lord” (Parts 1-3)

1. “The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov 1:7; 9:10)
2. “Fools” choose not “The Fear of the Lord” (Prov 1:29-30)
3. Understanding “The Fear of the Lord (Prov 2:5)
4. “Fear the Lord and Depart from Evil” (Prov 3:7)
5. “The Fear of the Lord is to Hate Evil” (Prov 8:13)
6. “The Fear of the Lord Prolongeth Days” (Prov 10:27)
7. The Fear of the Lord Provides Security (Prov 14:26)
8. “The Fear of the Lord is a Fountain of Life” (Prov 14:27)
9. “Better is Little with The Fear of the Lord” (Prov 15:16)
10. “The Fear of the Lord is the Instruction of Wisdom” (Prov 15:33)
11. Fear the Lord and Depart from Evil (Prov 16:6)

PROPOSITION:

In this fourth and final lesson, we will study four additional characteristics on what it means to Fear the Lord: (1) “The Fear of the Lord Tendeth (Leads) to Life,” (2) The Fear of the Lord Brings Great Blessings, (3) Do Not Envy Sinners – The Things They Do – But Be Zealous for God, and (4) “Fear the Lord and The King.”

I. “The Fear of the Lord Tendeth (Leads) to Life (Prov 19:23)

- “The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil” (Prov 19:23).

A. The Person who Feels the Lord is Submissive and Obedient to God

This reverent relationship with God brings satisfaction, safety and peace to a person’s life.

B. The Person who Feels the Lord, walks in the knowledge that he is Saved

Safe and Secured in the arms of Jesus for eternity (John 10:27-28). Nothing can separate the Believer from the Love of God (Rom 8:35-39).

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms

II. The Fear of the Lord Brings Great Blessings (Prov 22:4)

- “By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life” (Prov 22:4).
- **“Humility”** – gentleness, meekness
- **“Riches”** – fortune, wealth
- **“Honour”** – abundance, glory, splendid
- **“Life”** – life-giving, living, sustenance

Humility and Fearing the Lord will result in wealth, honor and life. These are the rewards – spiritual riches, divine honor and abundant life.

A. To be Humble shows Wisdom and Trust in God

B. The Humble Person is Wise

He submits to God, realizing that only God can give him eternal life. The humble and wise person desire a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

- “He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour” (Prov 21:21).

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph 1:3).

C. Jesus said, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

The Fear of the Lord produces the greatest possible life that a person can ever live. There is no greater life on earth than a life lived in submission to the will of God.

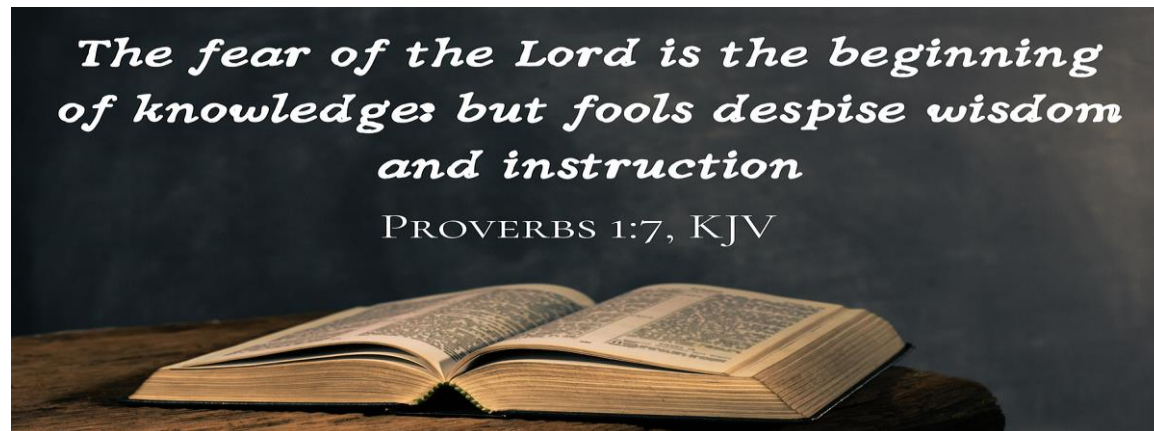
- III. Do Not Envy Sinners – The Things They Do – But Be Zealous for God** (Prov 23:17)
- “Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long” (Prov 23:17).
 - A. Believers should always remember to Fear the Lord – To Love and Obey God all day and every day.**
 - B. Believers should not envy the prosperity of Sinners (Unsaved), but stay focused on God and pleasing Him.**
 - C. The Goal of the Believer is Pleasing God.**
 - D. There is a future Day of Wrath for Sinners and a bright Day of Reward for Believers. God will not forget the Believer’s labor of work.**
 - “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister” (Heb 6:10).
 - “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them” (Rev 14:13).
 - E. Believers continue to be zealous for God – “Love Not the World”**
 - “¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:15-17).
- IV. “Fear the Lord and The King”** (Prov 24:21)
- “My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change” (Prov 24:21).
 - **“King”** – Rulers and Leaders
 - A. The person who Feels God will have respect for their leaders as all authority is ordained by God** (Rom 13:1-2).
 - B. “Given to Change” refers to rebellious people who refuse to submit to authority and sometimes seek to overthrow the government.**
 - 1.** The righteous should not participate in the activities of rebellious people because they will be punished along with the rebellious people.
 - 2.** Believers are to submit to leaders unless doing so is disobedient to God and His Holy Word.
 - **We ought to obey God rather than men** (Acts 5:29-32).

MEMORY VERSE:

- “Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord” (Ps 34:11).
- “¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Eccl 12:13-14).

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Fear of the Lord calls Believers to obey His commands rooted in a relationship with Him and a deep respect for who He is.**
- B. Fearing the Lord is to be in Reverent Awe of His Holiness, to give Him Complete Reverence and to Honor Him as the God of Great Glory, Majesty, Purity and Power.**
- C. The Fear of the Lord**
The fear of the Lord our days will prolong, In trouble afford a confidence strong,
Will keep us from sinning, will prosper our ways, And is the beginning of wisdom and grace.
The fear of the Lord forbids us to yield; It sharpens our sword and strengthens our shield.
Then cry we to heaven, with one loud accord, That to us be given the fear of the Lord.
- D. ABC’s of Salvation**
 - **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
 - **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
 - **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).