

The Fear of the Lord

Preserves Life & Blessings

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (August 17, 2014)



Introduction: During the month of August we are studying what it means to have a healthy fear of the Lord. We spent a great deal of time last week talking about how the fear of the Lord is not only healthy, but essential. We noticed how it prefaces wisdom and knowledge. This morning we noticed that fearing the Lord can lead us to holiness and maturity... helping us become more perfect in God's sight. Tonight we will notice some of the benefits to fearing the Lord. How do you view God? What will He do to you? What can He do for you? How can we preserve our life and blessings by fearing God? Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. When We Fear of the Lord Positive Things Happen

A. Remember Your Parents

Deuteronomy 8:5, Hebrews 12:6, Ephesians 6:1-3

B. Remember The Parables

John 18:1-8, Matthew 10:26-31, Matthew 25:1-30

C. Remember The Pride of Life

I John 2:16, Psalm 22:23, Psalm 33:8, James 4:10, Proverbs 16:18

II. The Fear of the Lord Preserves Life

A. Live a Longer Life

Ephesians 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 5:6, Proverbs 10:27

B. Live a Fuller Life

Proverbs 14:27, Matthew 6:9-13, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

C. Live a Happier Life

Psalm 2:11, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 33:18, Psalm 34:4-9, Psalms 40:3

III. The Fear of the Lord Preserves Blessings

A. We Are Blessed Physically

Proverbs 22:4, Matthew 6:25-33, Philippians 4:19, Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:6

B. We Are Blessed Spiritually

Ephesians 1:3, I Samuel 12:14, II Kings 17:37-39, Psalms 56:3-4

C. We Are Blessed Abundantly

John 10:10, Ephesians 3:20, Psalms 61:5

Conclusion: What is the scariest moment of your life? We don't like to rekindle our fears. However, you need to remember that in the darkest hour of your life... God was with you! Whether you knew Him at that moment or not, He knew you. He already had a plan for your life and it was set in motion for your birth. He wants you to fear Him so that He may help you find your eternal purpose. Oswald Chambers said, "*The remarkable thing about fearing God is that, when you fear God, you fear nothing else; whereas, if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.*" Do you fear God? Will you turn your life over to Him? **Hebrews 10:30-31** says, "*The LORD will judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*" May God help us to fear Him!