

Monday, 20 May 2019 Psalms 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

As I walk in the Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty, I am relieved, yea, even released from the burden of the fear of evil. Satan has no hold over me as I walk per the Word of the LORD.

Tuesday, 21 May 2019 Psalms 25:12-14

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

As I increase in the Fear of the LORD as the guiding theme of my life, I find that He guides me along the King's Highway. It is the coin funnel at work for growth in my walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ leads to a deeper understanding of the Fear of the LORD.

Wednesday, 22 May 2019 Psalms 25:12-14

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Is this what Paul had in mind as he wrote 1 Corinthians 3:14-16? That it is the Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty that leads to both understanding of His covenant with His people, those who fear Him, and a friendship that is based upon having His mind? Is it too much to say that the Fear of the LORD leads to soul friendship with Him? Was the relationship between David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1) a symbol of what was to come to us?

Thursday, 23 May 2019 Psalms 27:1

Of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

My Light, my Salvation, my Stronghold; what else is needed? The stronghold brings to mind standing on the bluffs above the Mississippi River and watching the waters rage against the levees. Yes, often man's defenses failed but the Fear of the LORD cannot and will not.

Friday, 24 May 2019 Psalms 27:3

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

David has no reason to be afraid of an army of pagans, nor war being declared against him. Why? He trusts in the LORD Or in other words; he knows that those who fear the LORD, God, the Almighty do not need to fear the threats of man.

Saturday, 25 May 2019 Psalms 31:19

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

The Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty is synonymous with the Goodness of the LORD. His bounty and provision for His own know no end.

Lord's Day, 26 May 2019 Psalm 119:4-5

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Says it all!

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



May 20-26, 2019

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Philemon 4-7

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

We thank our God as we remember each member of [our congregation] in our prayers as we hear about their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints. We pray that we will continue to be active in sharing our faith so we will be led to a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. May each of us be encouraged by the testimonies of the others as they have ministered to the hearts of the saints in their pastures. Amen

To fear or not to fear, that is the question.

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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