

Monday, 27 May 2019 Psalms 31:21-22

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

Has not God said, "I will not leave you or forsake you." in Joshua 1:5? But yet there are times when my zeal flags, when I begin to doubt, "Did He say; does that apply to me?" But he hears my cries of doubt and weakness; he answers. "You are mine; you are engraved on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49:16

To be imbued with the Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty is awesome.

Tuesday, 28 May 2019 Psalms 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Two points come out of this verse. One is that this passage very clearly connects the Fear of the LORD with awe of the LORD. I am called to reverential awe of Him. This awe is to be displayed through a willing adherence to the Law of the LORD, ref Ps 119, with a particular focus on Commandments 1-4.

The second point is that little, pesky word, "all." All the earth, all inhabitants, all will fear Him and stand before Him. Philippians 2:9-11 will be realized and displayed on the most glorious day in Creation.

Wednesday, 29 May 2019 Psalms 33:18

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Look at this treasure. The LORD, God, the Almighty, keeps His eye on me because I am a God-fearer. He watches over me because I have a certain expectation that His love will never fail me. He is faithful to His Word.

Thursday, 30 May 2019 Psalms 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

I have been delivered from all my fears of those things that go bump in the night. All the unknowns, all the might

and could be, all the catastrophizing. Gone! An immediate benefit of living under the umbrella of the Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty.

If I accept the gift, sometimes I don't want to trouble the LORD with that pesky little problem; sometimes I find that I enjoy worrying about how to resolve an issue; sometimes, my pride gets in the way. Sometimes, I refuse to hear that thunderous voice, "TRUST ME." Oft times, the old John thrusts himself between the fear and the Word of the LORD.

Friday, 31 May 2019 Psalms 34:7

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Read the story in 2 Kings 6:8-17 and realize that the army of horses and chariots of fire were not only for Elisha and his servant but are here for your and my instruction. Oh, that my eyes were truly open to the myriads of the heavenly host surrounding me, my loved ones, and all that is necessary for our well being.

Saturday, 1 June 2019 Psalms 34:7

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

That army that surrounded Elisha and his servant in 2 Kings 6 are promised to all God-fearers. I tend to think in terms of physical protection and that it is, but the LORD's hand is not limited to the security of my house against the druggie who wants Grandma's silver plate. There is nothing, i.e., no thing whether physical, mental, actual, or imagined from which I am not delivered.

Look at Psalm 37, a psalm of protection and covering by the hand of the LORD. It ends in vs 38-39 these assuring words, "The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him."

Lord's Day, 2 June 2019 Psalm 119:10

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your

commandments!

If my driving purpose is to seek You and You alone, You will keep me within that region controlled by Your Word, i.e., the Kingdom of Heaven. What comfort!

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Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Philemon 25

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Once again, we find Paul praying for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to be with the recipient of his letter. I think, without checking, that it is always used as his closing prayer for individuals and congregation that he loved very intensely.

Shouldn't that be our closing prayer when we correspond among ourselves, whether by email or s-mail or by phone or when we speak face to face? Shouldn't that also be true of all our communication with all other saints? 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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