

Monday, 3 June 2019 *Psalms 34:11*

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

It is good news that it can be taught but how? Where do I start teaching? Romans 3:21-25 gives an excellent outline of the process. *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

My message must point to the LORD, God, the Almighty as the Creator, a holy being whom I have offended by my sinfulness. It must then point to His grace and mercy in paying the penalty for my sin, my offensiveness. God, the Son, was the substitute who paid the penalty for my sin and restored me to the Family of the LORD, God, the Almighty.

Tuesday, 4 June 2019 *Psalms 36:1*

To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the LORD. Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes.

David realized that transgression numbs the soul; So often, a little white lie leads to flagrant disregard for the Word of the LORD. It cannot be otherwise, for I am a sinful creature, carrying the burden of the sin of Adam and Eve. The Fear of the LORD, God the Almighty cannot exist in an environment of sin.

Wednesday, 5 June 2019 *Psalms 40:1-3*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Is there anything more potent than a transformed life? A

life lived in joy and filled with the praise of the LORD, God, the Almighty? Others will see, and that will lead to lives

Thursday, 6 June 2019 *Psalms 46:1-2*

To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song. God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

The Fear of the LORD, God, the Almighty leads to a complete banishment of fear (fright) of everything else. As I grow in my understanding of the awesomeness of the LORD, I also grow in my understanding of the security that is given to me as a child of God. Even if the Green Mountain chain, beginning to rise a mile or so to the west of where I am sitting, were to be cast into the Atlantic Ocean suddenly, 50 miles or so to the east, I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. HE IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS.

Friday, 7 June 2019 *Psalms 47:1-2*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Let's see here. I am to shout with loud songs of joy because I am to fear (terrified) of the LORD, the Most High. That makes absolutely no sense at all. Let's try this. I am to shout with loud songs of joy because I am filled with the awesomeness of His being. Indeed, my God is an Awesome God.

Saturday, 8 June 2019 *Psalms 49:5-6*

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, (6) those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

It is so easy to get all bent out of shape when someone cheats or otherwise takes advantage of me, especially when someone returns an evil for a kindness that I have done for them. So easy for me to forget that I am called to display, in small measure, the kindness that my Lord Jesus showed to me on the cross. He died that I might

live. I am called to minister a glass of cold water to someone who reviles me and my LORD.

Lord's Day, 9 June 2019 Psalm 119: 17, 24

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.

This living in the Kingdom is not easy; it is filled with many potholes called trials, distractions called temptations and the writhing of the old man in his death throes. But Your word and testimony are ever at hand to counsel and lead me through the quagmire; it spreads the beauty of life in the Kingdom as a prize within my grasp readily at hand as I learn to delight in Your Law. Praise You for You deal bountifully with Your servant

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



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Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Romans 1:8-10

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

LORD, my prayer is that I would be more fully transformed to continuously praise You for the members of the *(Insert the name of the fellowship where you worship)*.

To praise and thank You for the proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now that is taking place through the ministries of my brothers and sisters.

I pray that You will continue to provide for our needs, that Your Spirit will lead us into all truth and supply us with the words necessary to bring Your light into every corner of this village

When, by Your will, as we come together may we experience the joy of Your presence and of our mutual joy of being together..

Come, Lord Jesus, come. *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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