

The Fear of the Lord

- A. The love of God and the fear of God keep us on the road.
1. Life is a Narrow Road. Matt 7:14
 2. The two ditches: Legalism and Lawlessness
 3. Moses brings the Israelites out of Egypt. Ex 5:1; 19:4; 20:20
 4. Fear of the Lord keeps you from sin. Phil 2:12; 2 Cor 7:1
 5. King David brings back the ark 2 Sam 6:1-15
- B. Characteristics of the Fear of the Lord: Abraham and Isaac Gen 22:10-12
- To obey God instantly.
 - To obey Him even if it doesn't make sense.
 - To obey Him even if it hurts.
 - To obey him even if we don't see a benefit. (Ester)
 - To obey Him to completion.
- C. The secrets of the Lord are revealed to God's friends. Ps 25:14 KJV
The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. Ps 25:14 NLT
1. God is not everyone's friend in the church.
 - Abraham and Lot Gen 18-19
 - Moses and the Israelites Ex 19-20; 20:20
 2. There is a condition to being God's friend. Jn 15:14
- D. The Fear of the Lord must be taught; it is not automatic.
1. The King had to learn to fear the Lord. Deut 17:14-20
 2. The people had to learn to fear the Lord. Deut 31:9-13
 3. The king taught the people the fear of the Lord. 2 Chron 17:3-11
 4. Dislocated nations learned to fear the Lord. 2 Kings 17
 5. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Ps 34:11
- E. Benefits of the Fear of the Lord.
1. Life
 - Life prolonged, it may be well with you, increase mightily. Deut 6:1-3
 - The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, depart from death. Pro 14:27
 - The fear of the LORD tendeth to life, not visited with evil. Pro 19:23
 - Blessed with riches, and honor, and life. Pro 22:4
 2. Other Benefits
 - Angels protect and deliver those that fear the Lord. Ps 34:7
 - No want to them that fear Him. Ps 34:9
 - God helps and blesses those that fear Him. Ps 115:11,13
 - Fear of the Lord brings health. Prov 3:7-8