

Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

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What does it mean to

F E A R
God?

One of the reasons given in the inspired scriptures for Noah's building the ark was his fear of God. The writer of Hebrews said "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Heb. 11:7).

We have the testimony of an angel of God that one reason Abraham offered his only son Isaac, upon the altar, was his fear of God. "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any

thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me" (Gen. 22:12).

The Hebrew midwives in the land of Egypt refused to obey Pharaoh's order to kill all male children born to the Hebrews because they feared God (Exo. 1:17).

One of the factors in Cornelius' obedience to the gospel of Christ was that "he feared God with all his house" (Acts 10:2).

In alarming fashion the legislators of our nation are

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pulling the teeth of the laws which restrain and punish the evildoer. Paul wrote in the letter to the Romans "... But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for the beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Rom. 13:4). The breaker of the law, the criminal needs to have instilled in his heart the fear of the consequences of his deed. It must be understood that not only is the law of man violated, BUT MORE IMPORTANT, God is displeased.

Crimes or sins are only the symptoms of the problem. Before one can fear God he must be taught to believe in God. The people mentioned in the first of this article were all possessed of great faith in God. The lack of fear can be traced to the lack of faith, and the lack of faith can be traced to the lack of teaching or instruction. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:13-17).

The greatest failure of all is that of parents neglecting to teach their children the eternal word of God. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). Timothy was blessed to be so taught.

Sinner, do you fear God as "Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28)? Are you fully prepared for the consequences of an eternity separated from the presence of God and the glory of his power?

Brother or sister, do you not fear God when you willfully forsake the assembly of the saints (Heb. 10:25)? Do you not fear God when you rob Him of that which you should lay by in store (1 Cor. 16:1, 2)? Christian, do you not fear God when you spread malicious and false rumors about your fellow Christians? "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My Brethren, these things



ought not so to be” (James 3:10). Put a telephone in the hands of some people and it becomes a deadly weapon.

The Hebrew writer admonished us to “serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:28,29). All your sins not washed away by the precious blood of the Lord will face you in the day of judgment. Are you prepared for that day?
Kenneth Frazier

Bible Questions

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1. In what city was Antipas slain as a martyr?
2. How old was the lame man who was healed by Peter and John in Acts 3?
3. In what city did Simon the leper live?
4. What did the Lord have in His hand when Amos saw Him standing upon a wall?
5. Which Old Testament prophet saw the vision of wheels within wheels?
6. What drastic method of avoiding eating the ruler’s dainties is given by Proverbs?
7. What job did Nehemiah undertake when he returned from captivity?
8. Where was the tabernacle located when Samuel was born?

Answers next week.



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“An opportunity depresses the pessimist, but activates the optimist. For the optimist a problem provides an opportunity for a solution. For the pessimist it is a door that closes against his face.”

A GOOD DEED
BRIGHTENS
A DARK WORLD

Order of Worship May 16, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Steve Frazier
Song Leader—PM	Matthew Frazier
Lord's Table	Derek Steen
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list and for the free course of the gospel.
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