

The Fear Of The Lord Sun am 5/28/2017

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

All wisdom depends on knowledge of God and submission to His will. Not fearing God is the same as rejecting His wisdom outright.

Job 28:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom, And to depart from evil *is* understanding.’”

To fear the Lord is to have wisdom.

Psalms 111:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is an obedient response of wonder and awe before the most High God.

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

The only appropriate way to approach the Holy God is with fear, that is, reverence what is holy to God.

Proverbs 15:33 (NKJV)

³³ The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom, And before honor *is* humility.

We need to honor God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NKJV)

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

We need to love God and our neighbor as our self. If we follow what the Bible says we will have a relationship with God.

Daniel 3:13-18 (NKJV)

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “*Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?*”

15 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, *good!* But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* the god who will deliver you from my hands?”

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king.

18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

These young men revered God so much in their lives that they were willing to die for they believed and for the respect they had for their relationship with God. This golden image represents the worldly kingdoms and we must be careful not to bow to or to worship the world or the things in the world.

Matthew 10:28-32 (NKJV)

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

We should never reverence with an awe any man, only God. If we are afraid to confess Jesus before men He won't confess us before the Father.