

1 PETER 2-17-25

OPEN: REVIEW

VS 17] HONOR ALL MEN = TREAT THEM WITH DIGNITY

HONOR = timaō = to estimate, fix the value....ROOT = TO FIND VALUE [IMAGE OF GOD]

HUMANS ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD & GOD FINDS SO MUCH VALUE IN HUMANS HE DIED TO PAY FOR THE PENALTY OF OUR SINS

HE COMMANDS US TO HONOR EACH OTHER EVEN IN OUR DIFFERENCES

ROM 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BE AT PEACE WITH A PERSON BECAUSE THAT PERSON DOES NOT WANT PEACE.....BUT YOU WILL BE AT PEACE WITH GOD BECAUSE OF THE YOUR OBEDIENCE.....WHICH ONE DO YOU DESIRE MORE?

LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD = WITHIN THE FAMILY OF GOD

LOVE = AGAPAO = LOVE THROUGH SERVING

FEAR GOD = IS THE KEY TO ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT GOD WANTS FOR YOU

[BIBLICAL BLESSING VS CURSE]

TRUE FEAR BRINGS ABOUT TRUE HUMILITY [FEAR OF BEING CAUGHT INSIDE]

TRUE FEAR BRINGS ABOUT OBEDIENCE [TRAINING]

TRUE FEAR OF GOD = A REVERENCE THAT GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND SAYS WHAT HE MEANS FROM BOTH ENDS OF THE SPIRITUAL SPECTRUM

THE FEAR OF GOD IS TO BE VALUED IN OUR LIVES

ISA 33:6

And He will be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 THINGS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FEAR OF GOD

1] KNOWLEDGE

PRO 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

KNOWLEDGE IS THE INTAKE OF FACTS

THOSE WHO SEEK SCRIPTURAL KNOWLEDGE ARE THE OPPOSITE OF “FOOLS,” WHO DESPISE “INSTRUCTION.”

THE ACCUMULATION OF SCRIPTURE KNOWLEDGE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO YOUR FEAR OF GOD

2] WISDOM

PRO 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

WISDOM IS APPLICATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE

THE FEAR OF GOD NOT ONLY UNLOCKS KNOWLEDGE IT GIVES US WISDOM THROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF HIM

NO FEAR OF YAHWEH, NO KNOWLEDGE, NO KNOWLEDGE, NO UNDERSTANDING, NO UNDERSTANDING, NO WISDOM.....YOU BECOME FOOLISH IN ALL THAT YOU DO

3] FEAR OF GOD IS A WEAPON AGAINST SIN

EX 20:20

Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH SIN, EXAMINE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS HEAVEN. DO YOU FEAR GOD ENOUGH TO WANT TO PLEASE HIM, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING?

4] FEAR OF GOD IS WHAT UNLOCKS GOD’S MERCY

LUKE 1:50

And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

WITH OUT A FEAR OF GOD YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIS MERCY FOR SALVATION

ALL WHO DESIRE GOD’S MERCY FOR THEIR SINS MUST FIRST FEAR HIM. WITHOUT A REVERENT ATTITUDE TOWARD HEAVEN AND A REPENTANT HEART, MEN HAVE NO HOPE AFTER THIS LIFE.

5] THE BLESSING OF LIFE

PRO 14:27

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

TO LIVE LIFE TO IT'S ABUNDANCE ONE MUST FEAR GOD

THOSE WHO DESIRE TO LIVE LIFE TO ITS RICHEST MEASURE CAN BEGIN BY FEARING THE LORD.

6] PROTECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

PRO 14:26

In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
THE BIBLE IS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE UNSEEN SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS THAT WILL SERVE TO PROTECT YOU & YOUR CHILDREN FROM YOUR ADVERSARY.

YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR COMMITMENT TO A HUMILITY BASED UPON THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

7] FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

PS 25:14

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

GOD WILL ONLY REVEAL HIS COVENANT TO HIS FRIENDS

SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR THAT THE ETERNAL BENEFITS OF "FEARING" THE LORD FAR OUTWEIGH THE TEMPORAL COSTS ON THIS EARTH.

HONOR THE KING / EMPEROR [NERO]

JUST LIKE WE ARE TO HONOR ALL MEN WITH DIGNITY WE ARE TO DO THE SAME WITH THE KING.....EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE WITH MANDATES AND POLICY

ISA 33:6

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