

THE NAME IN HIGH HONOUR

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Acts 19 :16-19

“Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered. The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honoured. Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices.” (Acts 19:16-18, NLT)

Questions:

1. Why did the name of Jesus become highly honoured?
2. What was the response of the people to this display of the supreme name of Jesus over darkness?
3. What are the practical truths we can learn from this story?

High Honour is synonymous with being magnified or lifted high. It denotes the fear or dread of the Lord.

Lexical Dictionary definition of the Fear of the Lord is the reverential or awe of the Lord.

Fear of The Lord Has to Do with Our Obedience and Trust in Him

Examples of these are:

1. _____ . When he was called give his one and only promise that he had waited for many years. His son Isaac. *“For I now know that you fear God since you have not withheld you son.”* Genesis 22:12.
2. _____ . When the enemy said if you take away all his wealth and security, he will not fear you. This had to do with Job coming into a place of trust regardless of his situation. This had to do with a complete surrender to Gods’ will and purpose which is always good.
3. _____ . The man after Gods’ very heart. In the psalms he poured out his heart before the Lord. Reflecting his own failures, victories and trust in Him. (Psalm 19:9)
4. _____ . The anointed one and the Messiah. He displayed and showed His disciples how to walk in the fear of the Lord. (Luke 4:17-20)
5. _____ . He had his conversion on his way. (Acts 9:28-31)
6. _____ . He was known as a God fearer and the whole of his household. (Acts 10:2)
7. _____ . Which is us Christians. We can walk in the fear of the Lord as part of our daily lifestyle as it is essential in our relationship with God. (Acts 9:31)

Our Response:

1. To walk in complete obedience to Him, while being motivated by His love. (Romans 8:28)
2. We trust Him completely in all areas of our lives. He is the Great I AM. (Exodus 3:14)
3. Deal with sin severely and follow up with and promote repentance. (Hebrews 12-1-2) (Romans 12:2)
4. To be like Christ, filled and baptised with the Holy Spirit to do His work in our city. (Ephesians 4:13; 4:15)

We Are Called to Be Witnesses To:

Family, Friend, Workmates

1. Witnessing is when our faith is put into action. (James 2:26)
2. We are following the great commission given by Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)
3. We are Ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven. (2 Corinthians 5:15; 5:18)

“In the last days, the mountain of the Lord’s house will be the highest of all the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.” (Micah 4:1, NLT)

“The best thing of all is God is with us.” ~ John Weasley

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