

Revere

Declaration:

- My eyes are on Jesus
- My heart is tuned to His Spirit
- My ears are listening to His voice
- My mind will believe what He says
- My voice will declare the truth of His word

For the past few weeks I have been in much prayer and thought about what it means to fear the Lord. I believe and I know that many others agree that we have forgotten what it means to truly fear the Lord, because He is Holy.

Hophni and Phineas (1 Samuel 2:12)

We often take the things of God and attempt to use them for our purposes and misunderstand the great responsibility it requires of us.

- The ark was captured! (1 Samuel 4)

David and Uzzah - (2 Samuel 6)

It's present in the NT as well.

- Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5 (they were killed by the Holy Spirit)
- Revelation churches - Revelation 2-3 (all these churches no longer exist)
- So, how do we cultivate a heart of repentance and honor?

– Romans 12:1-3

Psalm 24:1–10 (NIV) - ¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. ³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.' ⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Isaiah 6:1–5 (NLT) - ¹It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. ²Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" ⁴Their voices shook

the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

Exodus 33:18–23 (NKJV) - ¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." ¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." ²¹ And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²²" So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³" Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

John 14:8–9 (NKJV) - ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Matthew 19:13–15 (NLT) - ¹³ One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the

parents for bothering him. ¹⁴But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

¹⁵And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

Matthew 18:1–10 (NLT) - ¹About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" ²Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. ³Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

⁴So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁵"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. ⁶But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷"What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. ⁸So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have

two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. ¹⁰“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.

Psalm 51 (NLT) - For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ²Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. ³For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. ⁴Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. ⁵For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. ⁶But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. ⁷Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. ⁹Don’t keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. ¹³Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will

return to you. ¹⁴Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.

¹⁵Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

¹⁶You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. ¹⁸Look with favor on Zion and help her;

rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit— with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

Matthew 5:17–26 (NLT) - ¹⁷“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁰“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven! ²¹“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ ²²But I say, if you are even angry with

someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ²³“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. ²⁵“When you are on the way to court with your adversary, settle your differences quickly. Otherwise, your accuser may hand you over to the judge, who will hand you over to an officer, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶And if that happens, you surely won't be free again until you have paid the last penny.

You don't think these things are important today? What does Jesus say? **I appreciate the bibles that have the words of Jesus in red.

After the beatitudes and then the parable about being salt & light, we get the following teachings about - anger, the law, adultery, vows, divorce, revenge, love for our enemies, giving to the needy, praying and fasting and money and possessions.

- We don't respect anyone but those that we can get something from.
- We're not humble and we don't esteem others better than ourselves.
- We scoff at the things of God (music, movies, ministers).

- We don't seek to do life together because that would hold us accountable, it's easier to be distant and gossip behind their backs when they do something we don't agree with.
- It's easy to point out what is wrong with the world, the church, ministries and ministers.
- We won't step in and help, we will just sit back, get fat and watch it crumble. Then we will tell everyone we saw it coming and could've fixed it.
- We won't evangelize our neighborhoods or even our households. They should know that they are wrong and "get it together".