



Honoring God

Part 2

Psalm 34:9-10 NIV

Kickoff Questions

1. What is your meaning of a godly life?
2. How can we live godly lives in an ungodly world?

Psalm 34:9

FEAR THE LORD,

you his saints.

- Fearing the Lord means honoring God.
- To fear God means there is a level of respect for who God is, what God is to you and how his dealt with and continue to deal with you.

Everyday examples what of fearing God looks like:

A. Wearing a seatbelt for fear of what might happen if one doesn't.

B. Contemplating on making a decision and not knowing how God will respond or react to it and so you pray and wait on the right answer for fear of what God might do.

Scripture Reference:

Psalm 25:14 NLT

The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.

- The Lord befriends me because of my willingness to honor him in the life he has given me.

John 10:10 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

• Since he came into the world for us to have life and considering how he is a friend to those who fear him, we should honor him with the life he has given us.

• The instruction in Psalm 25:14 is to fear/honor God.

The blessing is receiving God's friendship.

What does a friend do?

- Loves
- Respects
- Protects
- Helps
- Assists
- Provides for

Note

- These are the benefits of having God as your friend and he becomes your friend when you fearfully honor him with your life.

Psalm 34:9 Fear the Lord YOU HIS SAINTS

•David is calling on the saints to honor their friend whose name is God.

Saint- Those who sincerely follow God.

Note

We cannot confuse this word to only mean persons who defined as holy. There are a lot of people who consider themselves holy and are not saints.

Some bible versions of Psalm 34:9 use the word **Godly**

Note: All of us should be working towards living a godly life so that we can enjoy the friendship of God.

We talked about living godly lives in our opening group work. So now the question becomes:

How do we benefit from the godly life that we live? What privileges are we given as we attempt to live as saints of the most high God?

- We are given greater access to the blessings of God because of the Godly lives we are trying to live.

A. Everybody gets blessed by the Lord in different ways but those who work extra hard receive greater blessings.

B. God does some remarkable things for us that wouldn't normally take place if it wasn't for our desire to work towards being a godly person.

Our fellowship of God provides for us greater possibilities because God sees our desire to become closer to him.

John 14:15 NIV

“If you love me, keep my commands.”

Acts 5:29 NIV

Peter and the other apostles replied:
“We must obey God rather than human
beings!”

• Psalm 34:9 Fear the Lord you his saints **FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM LACK NOTHING**

• Is having God truly enough?

• God is the one who provides for our needs, and he makes things available to us.

Note

To lack nothing is more than material gain, lacking nothing means that one is provided for by God on every level that one needs provision on.

NOBODY EVER:

- Goes without when you fear/honor God.
- Ever be in need when you fear/honor God.
- Your life will be filled with unexplainable blessings when you fear/honor God.

Final Note

This is why our friendship with God is so important. Having God as a friend that we honor with our lives moves us to the next level in life.

Think on these things...

What do you need God's friendship for?

What are you doing to get it?