7- 13- 2016 THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Throughout the Bible we read about men and women who walked in ***“the fear of the Lord.”*** David is the person we will consider his thoughts on the subject.

**BACKGROUND:**

**FIRST:** David’s last words (David’s last song)

**II Sam. 23:1-7** NKJV

**SECOND:** David’s life as a whole

1. David was a warrior, courageous as a champion and a great soldier. **(I Sam. 17:40; II Sam. 5:7I Chron. 28:3)**

God gave many victories to David and David gave God the glory!

1. David was an anointed musician, and skilful player of the harp playing songs given to him by the Holy Spirit.

Sweet psalmist of Israel who has been constantly used by God through the ages. His songs are masterpieces of spiritual literature.

1. David as a saint, was accepted as a child of God. David’s life revolved around his spirituality. David was considered “a man after God’s own heart.”

His psalms of praise, worship and meditation indicate the God-ward direction of his life.

1. David a sinner, violated a divine law, yielded to his gross sin in a period of ease and was rebuked by Nathan the prophet. **(Deut. 17:17; II Sam. 5:13; 11, 12)**

Such a grievous sin brought the bitterness of heart. David’s confession was not a cold, acknowledgement of guilt, but a true heartfelt humbling of himself before God and a deep cry for pardon and restoration to divine favor. **Psalms 32 and 51** clearly prove.

1. David a gifted prophet, brought forth many truths about the coming Messiah. In the New Testament we find more quotes of the Psalms of David than any other part of the Old Testament.
2. David a type of Christ, not only prophesy about Christ, he resembled Him as well.
3. Both were born in Bethlehem
4. Both were shepherds
5. Both were oppressed and persecuted but didn’t open their mouth
6. Both came to kingship

David has lighted many a spiritual traveler on the way to heaven. Glory alone will reveal what his psalms meant to Christ and to His followers in all ages.

He is not compared to our heavenly David, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to become our Savior, Friend, and King.

**THIRD:** The songs of David and fear of the Lord

**Psalm 19:9 (7-11)** the word shows God’s grace

***“The fear of the Lord is clean,***

***Enduring forever:***

***The judgments of the Lord are true***

***And righteous altogether.”***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares the perfect revelation of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is the principle upon which true revelation is founded.

**Psalm 22:21-31 (23)** call for deliverance from enemy answered

***“You who fear the Lord, praise Him!***

***All you descendants of Jacob,***

***Glorify Him,***

***And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!”***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song (the song of the cross) that declares the suffering, praise, and posterity of the Messiah. The genius of the gospel is praise and those saved should be eager to magnify the God of our salvation.

**Psalm 25:12-14)** meditation on God’s word

12. ***“Who is the man who fears the Lord?***

***Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.***

***13. He himself shall dwell in prosperity,***

***And his descendants shall inherit the earth.***

***14. The secret of the Lord are with those who fear Him,***

***And He will show them His covenant.”***

**NOTE:** These verses are taken from the song that declares a plea for deliverance and forgiveness. Where God sanctifies the heart He enlightens the head. The will of God for the one who fears Him will be sealed in their heart by the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 31:19 (READ 19-22)** confidence in expecting a blessing

***“Oh how great is Your goodness,***

***Which You have laid for those who fear You,***

***Which You have prepared for those who trust in You***

 ***in the presence of the sons of men!***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares the Lord a fortress in adversity. God’s goodness toward us is always greater than the adversity. No adversity but only God’s goodness is immeasurable.

**Psalm 34:7, 9** experience and keeping the faith

**v.7 *“The angel of the Lord encamps all around those***

***Who fear Him,***

***And delivers them.”***

**v9.** ***“O fear the Lord, you His saints!***

***There is no want to those who fear Him.”***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares the happiness of those who trust in God. **(Psalm 35:1-10)** The unseen help of the Lord around the believer to protect and deliver is experienced by those who reverence Him and His word.

**Psalm 40:3 (READ 1-3)** God’s goodness to His saints

***“He has put a new song in my mouth-***

***Praise to our God;***

***Many will see it and fear,***

***And will trust in the lord.”***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares faith persevering in trial.

**Psalm 66:16**

***“Come and hear all you who fear God,***

***And I will declare what He has done for my soul.”***

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares praise to God for His awesome works.

Psalm 103:11(READ 16-20) favor of the lord

**“For as the heavens are high above the earth,**

**So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;”**

**NOTE:** This verse is taken from the song that declares praise for the Lord’s mercies. Mercy comes to us by way of the ***“ear-gate.”*** Hear and you shall live. All God fearing people hear and find favor.

**CONCLUSION:** The results for others

**Psalm 119:74**

***“Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,***

***because I have hoped in Your word.”***

**Psalm 128:1-4**

1***.“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,***

***Who walks in His ways.***

***2. When you eat the labor of your hand,***

***You shall be happy,***

***And it shall be well with you.***

***3. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine***

***In the very heart of your house.***

***4. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed***

***Who fear the Lord.”***

**NOTE:** The fear of the Lord is the cornerstone for all God’s blessing in building a spiritual house.

1. We must reverence the ever-blessed God before we can be blessed.
2. The God fearing man has a present blessing on him of salvation.
3. God declares a blessing on those who fear Him and they are blessed indeed.
4. To cultivate the fear of the Lord;
5. The fear of honor and respect
6. The fear of dread to offend
7. The fear of anxiety to please
8. The fear of entire submission and obedience

**NOTE:** The fear of the Lord is the fit fountain of holy living. We look in vain for holiness apart from it: none but those who fear the Lord will ever walk in His ways.

**Psalm 145:19**

***“He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;***

***He also will hear their cry and save them.”***

**NOTE:** The life of David left songs (Psalms) that will touch every area of the child of God’s life. Every situation we deal with in life you can find in the songs of David. Some experience God brought into his life to write songs about for you and me.

**BLESSING:** To those who fear the Lord, you will have the answer to your prayers and to life’s questions.