10-25-2017 **THE BENEFITS OF FEARING THE LORD**

When we walk with an awareness of God’s presence, love, awesomeness, power, and glory, out of our hearts grows a respect, reverence and awe for Him, His works, His ways, His warfare, His worship, and will.

The benefits for those who fear the Lord are wonderful to say the least. The Scriptures are filled with benefits for those who love, respect, and stand in awe of His nature and character.

**BENEFITS:**

1. **He is a Helper of Those that Fear Him**

**Ps. 115:11**

***“If you fear the Lord, trust the Lord. He is your helper and shield.”***

**THE LORD DOES HELP!**

1. **He Blesses Those that Fear Him**

**Ps. 115:12-13** GWT

12. ***“The Lord, who is always thinking about us, will bless us. He will bless the descendants of Israel.*** 13. ***He will bless the descendants of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the Lord, from the least important to the most important.***

14***. May the Lord continue to bless you and your children.***

15. ***You will be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.***

**THE LORD OF HEAVEN BLESSES!**

1. **The Lord Reveals His Plans to Those that Fear Him**

**Ps. 25:14**

***“The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant”*** GWT

***“The Lord advises those who fear Him. He reveals to them the intent of His promise.”***

 Personal knowledge of God and intimate fellowship with Him are reserved for those who fear Him and turn from evil. **(Pro. 3:5-7)**

**THE LORD MAKES KNOWN HIS PLANS!**

1. **The Lord Reveals the Way of Life to Travel**

**Ps. 25: 12**

***“What man is he that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way that he shall choose.”***

The main theme of this psalm is how God in His wisdom guides the faithful believer.

God has a plan for every believer. **(I Cor. 12; Eph. 1:10; 2:10; 3:11; 4:11-13)**

God’s plan can be communicated to us by, dreams, visions, and prophecy. **(Acts 2:17; 9:12; 10:3; 13:2; I Cor. 14:1)**

However, the usual way He guides us and imparts wisdom to us is through the Holy Scriptures. **(II Tim. 3:16)**

He also speaks to us through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. **(Acts 8:29; 10:19; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; I John 2:20, 27)**

God’s plans can be missed if,

Ignoring God’s word and will,

Misreading it, make decisions contrary to His word

**WARNING:** If the basic convictions, attitudes, and teachings found in God’s word are not deeply embedded in our lives, we will miss God’s destiny for us, and even possibly go astray.

Righteousness and the fear of the Lord lie at the root of God’s guidance, for God guides us in the path of righteousness. **(Ps. 23:3)**

**THE LORD GUIDES US IN THE RIGHT PATH!**

1. **The Lord Keeps His Eye on Them that Fear Him**

**Ps. 33:18-19**

18. ***“Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy.***

19. ***To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”***

The Lord’s eye is on all people, but on the people who fear Him in a special way. **(Ps. 34:15)**

The Lord’s eye refers to the Lord’s love and oversight of our lives.

***“To deliver us”*** means, as long as we fear the Lord, put our hope in Him, wait for Him, and remain in His will, God will watch over and protect us so that we will not dye unless it be according to God’s plan.

**THE EYE OF THE LOVING LORD IS ON HIS PEOPLE!**