The Joy of Fearing God

January 18, 2025

Read Chapter 11 – *He Is Here*

1. Discuss this quote by the author: “In all our affairs of life and our interactions with other people we should always be conscious of His all-pervasive presence, His all-seeing eye and all-hearing ear. This is where integrity actually begins – living all of life in the conscious awareness of God’s constant presence. And this should be a fundamental characteristic of the person who fears God.”
2. Read II Corinthians 5:7-11. How would you describe the fear of God as it is demonstrated here in Paul’s portrait of the apostolic life?

What specific action by the apostle was prompted by the fear of God?

1. Read Jonah 1. What were the different stages of fear displayed by the sailors?

What caused them to fear God and how was it demonstrated?

What is the difference between their fear and that of Jonah?

1. When it comes to fearing God, why is it important for us to have a continual awareness that God is everywhere we go?
2. In the following passages, how is God’s presence and all-seeing eye described?

Psalm 139:7-10 –

Proverbs 5:21 –

Proverbs 15:3 –

Jeremiah 16:17 –

Jeremiah 23:23-24 –

Hebrews 4:13 –

What perspective does that understanding give us in our faith journey?

1. Despite all that God sees and knows about our sin, He still loves us. Discuss how important that is and why it should foster growing reverence for Him.
2. If God knows everything about us, why do we still try to conceal them from Him?

Read Philippians 4:8. What does this passage teach us that will guide even the motives of our heart.

What does Paul mean by the following:

Is it true –

Is it noble –

Is it right –

Is it pure –

Is it lovely –

Is it admirable –

Is it excellent or praiseworthy –

Of these seven areas, where would God have you begin to focus?

1. Can you think of situations where you would have acted/spoke/thought differently had you been conscious of God’s presence?

Starting today, how might you remember to practice the presence of God and what steps do you need to take to grow in your practice of the conscious presence of God?

Next month – Chapter 12 – *For Life and Breath and Everything –* February 15, 2025