The Joy of Fearing God

March 15, 2025

Read Chapter 13 – *His Excellence Shining Forth*

1. We have all had career goals at one time or another. What is your spiritual goal? How do life goals and spiritual goals coincide?
2. Read Romans 5:2. Explain what is the hope that causes us to rejoice.
3. How would you explain the glory referred to in Romans 8:17-18?
4. Read the following passages and discuss how this glory fits into our future.

Colossians 3:4 –

I Thessalonians 2:12 –

II Thessalonians 2:14 –

I Peter 1:6-7 –

I Peter 5:10 –

1. What does the author mean from his statement that “God is glorified not just by gracious and kind behavior, but by behavior that results from a reliance upon Christ?”
2. From the following passages what does Jesus teach us about how we may bring glory to God?

John 14:12-14 –

John 15:5-8 –

1. What do you discover from Romans 4:18-21 that allowed Abraham to bring glory to God?

What application can we make for our own lives in bringing God glory?

1. Read Malachi 1:10-14. What reasons are emphasized by God for fearing Him?

What ways in the passage did God accuse them of falling short of properly fearing Him?

How is that evident in the church today and what can we draw from this passage as God’s people to make certain it is not something we can be accused of?

1. Read Luke 9:24 and discuss the following statement by the author: “Glorifying God will often cost us something. It may cost our freedom in Christ in some situations. It may cost us time, or inconvenience, or not finding space for our carry-on bag on the airplane. It may even cost a lucrative business deal or an opportunity for career advancement…We don’t lose our lives all at once, however. We lose them over a lifetime, in individual decisions as we choose whether to glorify God or to satisfy our own desires.”

What are some important costs which you believe God is requiring from you now, in order that you may be free to truly glorify Him?

1. What pain has God entrusted to you and how can you use it to glorify Him?
2. What promises from God are the hardest for you now to actively believe?
3. The author writes “Our actions toward other people determine whether we glorify God or shame Him…The glory of God is closely linked with the well-being of our neighbor. We glorify God when we seek our neighbor’s well-being.”

How do the following passages support that the author stated?

I Corinthians 10:31-33

Colossians 3:17

Titus 2:9-10

1. What is your one take away from this lesson about fearing God?

Next month – Chapter 14 – *He is Worthy –* April 19, 2025