The Joy of Fearing God

May 17, 2025

Read Chapter 15 – *Special Blessings, Special Honor*

1. What does it mean to seek God?
2. Read the following passages and describe ways we are to seek God and what its result. (You may want to consider other passages that challenge us to seek God.)

Deuteronomy 4:29

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 42:1-11

Psalm 63:1-8

Isaiah 26:8-9

Matthew 6:33

1. From Philippians 3:10, what does it mean that Paul wanted to ‘know’ Christ?
2. Read Palm 112:1 and 128:4. What is the reason given from fearing God?

What does it mean that the person who fears God is blessed? With that in mind, what is the correlation between those verses and Psalm 34:9-10 and 111:5?

What do you learn from I Kings 17:2-6; 7-15 about blessings?

1. If receiving God’s blessing is one reason for fearing Him, what is a second reason given in Psalm 33:16-18 and 145:19?

What does it mean that “the eyes of the Lord on those that fear Him?”

1. What third reason for fearing God is given in Psalm 25:12?

List ways we receive instruction from God. Which is the most difficult for you?

1. A fourth reason for fearing God is found in Psalm 103:8-18. Discuss what we receive from God and how it causes us to show God more reverence.

According to these verses, how does God treat us that deepens our fear of Him.

1. The author writes that Malachi was written during “a time of deep spiritual decline among the Jews. They questioned God’s love (1:2). They showed contempt for Him (1:6-7). They robbed God of the tithes and offerings due Him (3:8). They said it was futile to serve Him (3:14). In spite of this spiritual decline, a fifth reason to fear God is found in 3:6. What is it?

Read Malachi 3:16-18. How did God respond to His people’s actions?

Why is encouraging one another in the faith so important? For example, see Hebrews 3:13?

What are ways you have been encouraged in your faith by others?

How has that emboldened your faith and fear of God?

1. Review what you have learned about fearing God from this study and jot down a couple lessons that have impacted you the most.

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