The Joy of Fearing God

February 15, 2025

Read Chapter 12 – *For Life and Breath and Everything*

1. Why does our culture promote self-dependence and how does that square with Scripture that teaches full dependency on God?
2. Read Luke 12:4-7 and discuss what Jesus wanted His listeners to understand about what it means to fear God.
3. Encompassing both heaven and earth, Psalm 89:5-11 gives us reasons for fearing God. Discuss those reasons.
4. Read Job 1:1 and 5. How is Job described and how does he demonstrate fearing God?

How did God describe Job to Satan in 1:8 and then again in 2:3?

How would you describe Job’s attitude toward God in 1:20-22 after he lost everything?

What kind of fear is Job referring to in 3:25-26?

What need does Job express in 6:14-17 as he answers his friends and what clue does he give about his own condition?

How would you summarize Job’s complaint in 9:32-35?

How would you summarize Job’s hope in 19:25-27?

What reason does Job give in 23:13-17 for fearing God?

Read 31:13-23. What influence does Job say the fear of God has had on his life?

Scan chapters 38-40:2. What point is God trying to make with Job?

Read 40:3-5 and 42:1-6. In what ways does Job’s response indicate a true and deepened fear of God?

What lessons about fearing God can we glean from Job?

1. What does the author mean when he writes: “It isn’t enough to passively believe we’re dependent upon God for every aspect of our lives, we must actively rely on Him. The primary way we do this is through prayer…By praying we recognize our helplessness and dependence. By praying we recognize that we are not in control of our lives, our health, our plans, or the decisions other people make respecting us…”
2. Record phrases from the following passages that express how we can have a deeper dependence on God through prayer.

Psalm 16:2 –

Psalm 18:1-2 –

Psalm 19:14 –

Psalm 23:4 –

Psalm 25:4-5 –

Psalm 31:3, 14-16 –

Psalm 32:7 –

Psalm 56:3-4 –

Psalm 63:1 –

Psalm 73:25-26 –

Psalm 119:57 –

Psalm 141:8 –

1. From this study, how has your fear of God deepened?

Next month – Chapter 13 – *His Excellence Shining Forth –* March 15, 2025