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“Treasure Trove”

*“Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!”
(Psalm 31:19)*

Key Point: Godly Fear Releases God’s Treasure Trove

Diluted Fear

2 Kings 17:24-29, 32-34 – (24) “And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel. And they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities. (25) And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the LORD. Therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. (26) So the king of Assyria was told, ‘The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land.’ (27) Then the king of Assyria commanded, ‘Send there one of the priests whom you carried away from there, and let him go and dwell there and teach them the law of the god of the land.’ (28) So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel and taught them how they should fear the LORD. (29) But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived. (32) They also feared the LORD and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. (33) So they feared the LORD but also served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away. (34) To this day they do according to the former manner. They do not fear the LORD...”

Perfect Fear

Job 1:1, 8 – (1) “There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. (8) And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?’”

Job 28:28 – “And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Benefits of Healthy Godly Fear:

(1) Protection

“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.” (Psalm 34:7)

(2) Provision

“Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.” (Psalm 34:9-10)

“He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.” (Psalm 145:19)

(3) Intimacy with God

“The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.” (Psalm 25:14)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

How much of God’s goodness do I want to experience?

Am I striving to fix my fear upon God, or is my fear diluted?

(2 Kings 17:35-39)

How should I conduct myself as a ‘pilgrim on this planet’?

(1 Peter 1:17)