

The Fear of The Lord

Lesson Two Teacher - Relating to God

Completed Reading:

Chapters 5, 6, 7 (Pages 53 - 84)

Questions or thoughts on what you have read?

Fear (Reverence / _____) God

Ecclesiastes 12:13

All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] and the whole [duty] for every man.

Position: The _____

Psalm 91:1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

58 times in the Bible and 9 times in the New Testament, the word "Almighty" is found. Of the New Testament references, 8 of the 9 are in Revelation.

Power: The _____

Ephesians 3:20



Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Deuteronomy 3:24

O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy seroant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

Genesis 49:24

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob

Romans 4:20-21

He [Abraham] _____ not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was _____ in faith [believing] giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he [God] had promised, he [God] was able also to perform.

The Greek word for "staggered not" means "to be in _____ mentally with yourself" or "to hesitate mentally and withdraw." God kept reminding Abraham of His promise and Abraham kept looking for ways that the promise might come to pass; but he never hesitated or had any mental conflict about God's _____ to bring His Word to pass. Abraham did doubt his own ability - but he never doubted God's.

It took Abraham _____ years to see the promise of God come to pass. He was 75 when God first told him he would be the father of many nations and Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old. Abraham is called in the Word "the father of all who believe."

Many times we give up on God if we do not see immediate results. We must be _____ persuaded in the strength of God and not rely upon our own ability or our _____ time table.



Abraham's walk is an example of believing God, and it took him 25 years. God is able and He will perform that which He has promised.

Principal: The Attributes

It is a huge understatement to say that it is important for us to try to understand what God is like! Not having an understanding of who He is will likely cause us to set up, chase after, and worship false gods contrary to His will (Exodus 20:3-5).

- **God is _____**, meaning He had no beginning and that His existence will never end.
- **He is immortal**, infinite (Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17). God is immutable, meaning He is unchangeable; this means that God is absolutely reliable and trustworthy. God is incomparable.
- **He is _____ and perfect** (2 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 86:8; Isaiah 40:25; Matthew 5:48).
- **God is inscrutable**, meaning He is unfathomable, unsearchable, past finding out in entirely understanding Him (Isaiah 40:28; Psalm 145:3; Romans 11:33,34).
- **God is _____**, meaning He is no respecter of persons in the sense of showing favoritism (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:30).
- **God is omnipotent**, meaning He is all-powerful; He can do anything that pleases Him, but His actions will always be in accord with the rest of His character (Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 32:17,27).
- **God is _____**, meaning He is ever-present, everywhere; this does not mean that God is everything (Psalm 139:7-13; Jeremiah 23:23).
- **God is omniscient**, meaning He knows the past, present, and future, (Psalm 139:1-5; Proverbs 5:21).
- **God is _____**, meaning that there is no other (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- **God is _____**, meaning that God cannot and will not pass over wrongdoing. (Exodus 9:27; Matthew 27:45-46; Romans 3:21-26).
- **God is sovereign**, meaning He is supreme (Psalm 93:1; 95:3; Jeremiah 23:20).
- **God is _____**, meaning He is invisible (John 1:18; 4:24).
- **God is _____**, meaning that He is separated from all moral defilement and is hostile toward it. (Isaiah 6:3; Habakkuk 1:13; Exodus 3:2,4,5; Hebrews 12:29).
- **God is gracious** - this would include His goodness, kindness, mercy, and love (Exodus 34:6; Psalm 31:19; 1 Peter 1:3; John 3:16; John 17:3).



Presence: The Arrival

Remembering the Flesh:

Jesus' coming to earth is described in Philippians 2:6. He, "*made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*"

This is the reason He became a man, to give His body as a sacrifice for our sin. He became human to save sinful humanity.

Knowing The Spirit:

We know that God is omnipresent, which means God is _____.

- David said in (Psalms 139:7-8) "*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*"

His presence is very near us and as Holy-Ghost filled individuals, He is in us. (Acts 17:27-28)

Touch: Work

How can we better recognize the hand of God moving in our lives?

- **First**, we must familiarize ourselves with God's _____ (2 Timothy 3:16-17), which tells us about who God is and what He does.
- **Second**, we must communicate with God through _____.
 - We can ask God for _____ (James 1:5).
 - We can ask God to help us recognize, and submit to, His hand.
 - We can thank Him for how His hand has guided us.
 - We can ask Him to help us learn His lesson, in His time, for whatever time His hand is bringing us through.
- **Third**, we must _____ God. Just as a son often rebels against the guidance of his Parent – not trusting his judgment or not accepting his discipline – so do we often fight against the hand of God: Many times in our lives, we make an ordeal worse by not trusting and obeying God and by not quickly learning the intended lesson.

The hand of God is a symbol of God's guidance, instruction,



and discipline. The more we recognize the hand of God, the better we will be able to follow His lead. Through the study of God's Word, a strong prayer life, and an abiding trust in God, we can learn to recognize, trust, and enjoy the hand of God moving in our lives.

Voice: The Confirmation

- Samuel heard the voice of God, but didn't recognize it until he was instructed by Eli (1 Samuel 3:1-10).
- Gideon had a physical revelation from God and he still doubted what he had heard! (Judges chapter 6, especially verses 17-22, 36-40)

When we are listening for God's voice, how can we know that He is the one speaking?

- First of all, we have something that Gideon and Samuel did not. We have the complete _____
"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- Secondly, to hear God's voice we must _____ it.
Jesus said, *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me"* (John 10:27)
 - Great story by Richard Blackaby:
My father-in-law owns a small ranch. Whenever we go out to visit, I can count on, at least once a day, driving out with him to check on the herd. My father-in-law can step out of the truck, call a few gentle words, and soon the pickup is surrounded by cows, eagerly awaiting a mouthful of hay. But if I so much as open the door on my side of the truck, there will be cattle scattered from one end of the pasture to the other. So what's the difference? The cattle are with my father-in-law at least once, and sometimes two or three times, a day. Because of their daily encounter with the one that feeds and cares for them, the cows are comfortable with him, and they can immediately recognize a stranger among them.

If we are to know God's voice, we must spend time with Him

_____.



Be sure that you are spending quality time daily in prayer, Bible study, and quiet contemplation of His Word. The _____ time you spend intimately with God and His Word, the _____ it will be to recognize His voice and His leading in your life.

Employees at a bank are trained to recognize counterfeits by studying genuine money so closely, that it is easy to spot a fake. We are to be so familiar with God's Word, that when God does speak to us or lead us, it is clear that it is God. God speaks to us so that we may understand truth. While God can and does speak audibly to people, He speaks primarily through His Word; but sometimes also through the Holy Spirit to our consciences, through circumstances, and through other people. By applying what we hear to the truth of Scripture, we can learn to recognize His voice.

Responding to God

Timing: Response

Timing is _____

- A *command* from God is something man should do
- A *promise* from God is something God will do.
- A command must be obeyed
- A promise must be believed.
- When God gives a command He says, "YOU WILL" ("THOU SHALT")
- When God gives a promise He says, "I WILL"

Waiting on promises from God is a good thing but acting on what God has said is a totally different thing.

When God tells us to do something, it is usually at the appointed time we have been called for. So response is everything!

- Can you imagine in an emergency situation
 - the call goes out
 - the EMT's respond "well, we need to finish lunch"
 - Or they respond "I will go when I am ready"

_____ **time is a matter of life & death.**

What is God using you for to bring to life or keep alive?

Obedience: _____ **in action**

- True obedience is not just an act, but an attitude.



- A _____ attitude leads to a proper obedience of God's laws.
- James explains that you must be "*doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*"
 - *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:22-25).*

For us to understand the Bible, we must first _____ about and _____ God's law.

- Psalm 111:10, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments . . .*"
- Romans 2:13, "*For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.*"

If a person studies the Bible just to hear what it says, but not to _____ what it commands, he is not pleasing God and cannot expect His help.

Results: Robbed or _____

Deuteronomy 28:1-23

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.



19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

Reading for next week's class:

Chapters 8, 9 (Pages 87 - 116)

