

The Fear of God

Part 19

The Characters And The Privileges Of Those Who Fear God

"1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles." (Psalm 25:1-21 KJV)

"1 In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. 2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. 4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. 6 Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. 10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. 11 For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. 12 Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. 13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. 14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. 15 My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. 18 Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. 19 See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! 20 Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. 22 Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!" (Psalm 25:1-22 NIV)

A- The Characters Of Those Who Fear God:

1- They have troubles: Troubles could be due to pain, sickness, trials, enemies, sin, longing, loss of hope, and persecution. Due to all these tribulations David cried out to God and said, *I Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul; 1 In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.* God allows hard time in the life of those who fear God so that their faith would be tested and prove genuine.

2- They trust in God: *2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, 2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame.* Those who fear God they trust in God and they show their trust by obeying God's Word and commands.

3- They have enemies: David said to God, *let not mine enemies triumph over me. nor let my enemies triumph over me.* Those who fear God do not have one enemy but enemies. When you start to fear God, you will be bold to cut relationships and depart from people who do evil. Such people who contradict your stand, ultimately they will be your enemies.

4- They wait upon God: *3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: 3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.* Those who fear God they wait on God because they have the full trust on God that HE will not put them to shame.

5- They have the sense of the church: *3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: 3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.* David said, *let none, No one,* because he knew that there are people other than him they fear God, those who formed the church and walk in the way of God and trust HIM that they will not be put to shame as they trust Him. As we fear God then we acknowledge and we know for sure that there are other people who fear God like us

6- They are sure that evil doers will be put to shame: *Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. But shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.* Those who fear God they are sure that evil doers God will not allow them to prevail; sooner or later HE will deal appropriately with them.

7- They ask God to show them and teach them the truth: *4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. 4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.* Those who fear God are teachable and God is easily teaching them.

8- Those who fear God they link the truth with the salvation: *5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.* They are aware that they need to live the truth in order to keep the salvation that Jesus offer to us.

9- Their life style is to wait on God: *On thee do I wait all the day. And my hope is in you all day long.* Those who fear God are not tired as they are waiting on the Lord.

10- They live on the love and the mercies of God: *6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. 6 Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.* David here pleading to God to have mercy on HIM;

as he was asking God to remember how He was merciful on him, then he is pleading his cause again with God.

11- Those who fear God will realize the grievances of their sins: 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Those who fear God they don't put the blame on God or on other people because they realize the grievances and the bad effects of their sins.

12- Those who fear God for them God is not at fault: 8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. Those who fear God they say, 'We are at fault.' In this way they avail the privileges that God will teach them. Those who are self-righteous God will not teach them and themselves they are non receptive. In the same way, we can accept from HIM to teach us when we accept that HE is upright.

13- Those who fear God are meek: 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. Meekness is needed to receive the teaching and to receive guidance.

14- Those who fear God they see all the ways of God are mercy and truth: 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. In all trials and difficult circumstances those who fear God they will see it as God's mercy; they are sure of that and they will say, "28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 KJV) "28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV) "9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV) " (1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV) Those who fear God they are sure even unfavourable circumstances will be worked out for their good.

15- Those who fear God they see their sins are great and plead for God to forgive them for HIS name sake: 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 11 For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. To the opposite of them, those who do not fear God they are unaware of the grievances of their sins and they are not careful to ask God forgiveness.

16- You will recognize the man who fear God when you are observing him taking right choices in life, taught to him by God: 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 12 Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. In pertain to faith there are two kinds of people; those who fear God and those who do not fear God. Both of them are believers, but those who fear God they obey God spontaneously and they resort to Godly decisions. Those who don't fear God they take wrong decisions and they correct themselves and obey God only when they are forced to do what is right and just.

Relying on the remaining verses 13-22 from Psalm 25 we will have comparisons between those who fear God and those who do not fear HIM in pertain to the privileges they receive from God.

	Those who fear God	Those who do not fear God
13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. 13 They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.	Their souls dwell at peace and prosperity. Their descendant and disciples will be established in the land.	Their souls dwell in trouble and scarcity. Their descendant and disciples will be cut off from the land.
14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. 14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.	They have God's secret. He shows them His covenant. They have long term assurance, up to the next generation.	They don't have God's secret. They are not able to see His covenant and have no assurance about the future.
15 My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. 15 My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.	Their eyes are focus on God; therefore their feet will be free from the snare.	Their eyes distracted. Their feet keep on stumbling and they don't see the way clearly to come out from troubles.
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.	They receive God's grace. Even if they are desolate or afflicted they are confident that they are in God's will.	They cannot enjoy God's grace, and they are not confident that they are in God's will.
17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.	Troubles are enlarging but they are relieved and they go out from distress.	They are not relieved from troubles and cannot come out from distress.
18 Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. 18 Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.	They have the assurance that God is looking over them, even if the circumstances is not favorable, and they have the assurance of God's forgiveness.	They don't have the assurance that God is looking over them, and they don't have the assurance of God's forgiveness.
19 See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! 19 See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate	They are not burdened with their numerous enemies even with those who have hatred against them, because they know that God is with them.	They are burdened with their numerous enemies, and they are fearful with those who have hatred against them.

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20 Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 20 Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.	They have the assurance that God will rescue them and they will not be put to shame.	They don't have such assurance and are always doubtful if God will deliver them, and will not let them to be put to shame.
21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.	Confidence of their integrity and uprightness before God.	They are not confidence of their integrity and uprightness before God. They are always fearful and easily intimidated by devil.
22 Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles! 22 Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!	They have the sense of the church; that other righteous people are passing through the same suffering and trials as they are.	They don't have such a sense. To the contrary they are thinking that they are the only people who are suffering.

Share the message with a friend.

My dear and beloved: Go again through the message; discover yourself and who you are. Study the characters of those who fear God and understand how you will allow God to develop it and reproduce it in your life, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that showed me clearly your ways and your will, that I need to fear you and to walk in your ways. Lord I repent from the following sins _____.* Lord I commit my life to the principles of this message. I commit myself to what I read and what was explained well to me. Lord forgives me my iniquities for your name sake and upholds me with your grace and mercy to provide all my needs to continue to serve you and to live in the fear of yours. I thank you and praise you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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