The fear of the Lord

Ps 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Pr 1:7 ¶ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pr 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Pr 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Pr 14:26 ¶ In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Pr 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Pr 15:33 ¶ The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Isa 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Ps 85:9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Ps 102:15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

Isa 2:10 ¶ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

Isa 2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. {of the earth: Heb. of the dust}

Isa 2:21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Isa 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him

Re 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Moses gave to Israel detailed warnings against the dangers of idolatry and the dangers of false worship. Warnings are absolutely essential, for the Israelites had already corrupted themselves at the golden calf incident.

Ex 32:24 *And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.*

What is coming out today? What is so elusive today? What in the world is growing?

**Warning about Baal Peor**; Israel was in a protected place with God against the curse of the enemy as long as they kept separated from sin.

Num. 23:19-20 *…20 Behold, I have received commandment* ***to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.***

Num. 25:3 *And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled…*

Num. 31:16 *Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague…*

2Pe 2:15 *Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following … Balaam…*

Re 2:14 *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast …the doctrine of Balaam…*

* **We Worship and serve a Jealous God**

**De 4:24 *For the LORD thy God is*** *a consuming fire, even* ***a jealous God.*** *25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger: 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.*

De 11:26 ¶ *Behold, I set before you this day* ***a blessing*** *and a curse;*

De 30:1¶ *And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the* ***blessing*** *and the curse, which I have set before thee, ….*

Deut. 30:15,19 … *blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, …*

De 31:28 *…speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.*

**De 32:1-4** ¶ 4…*a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

De 32:16 ***They provoked him to jealousy*** *with strange gods, with abominations* ***provoked they him to anger****.*

De 32:17 *They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.*

1. Spiritual drink must be the subject for every believer
2. doctrine shall drop as the rain
   1. To the humble a soft rain or a torrent is the same opportunity for growth and blessing.
      1. Word of Righteousness

Ps 119:123 ¶ Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. 172 ¶ My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **Deut 32:28** For they are a nation void of counsel, **neither** is there any understanding in them. Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe.

**Deut 32:18** Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see **what their end shall be**: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

2Peter 1:12 ¶ Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Ps 65:10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

The former rain moderately: a teacher of righteousness {moderately: according to righteousness}

* 1. To the proud a soft rain is a storm and a torrent is judgment.

Mic 6:15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

Ps 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

To the humble it is grace through righteousness; to the proud it is judgment unto death

Ro 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. My speech shall distil as the dew
   1. Grace and Truth
      1. The Word of His Grace

Ac 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Ac 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1. as the small rain upon the tender herb

Ps 65:10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Heb 6:7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

1. as the showers upon the grass
2. The speech of the Proud is judgment unto death.

Jer 26:8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. They say {The judgment of death is for this man} 38:4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

1. Spiritual growth must be the objective of every believer.
2. Grow as “the tender herb” for inner strength and as the grass for abundant life.
   1. Progression
   2. Going forward
   3. Growing up in the Lord
3. No rain for thorns

Heb 6:8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. Isa 5:6 … “but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it”

1. Judgment for no faith, no true worship, no true growth to His Glory. Deut. 32:20 “I will hide my face” De 32:32 “vine of Sodom” and “the fields of Gomorrah” – “grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter”
2. Righteousness for faith, Rom.1:17; Isa 66:2,5,14; **Isa.64:8**; **66:13** As mother; 63:8-10; **Deut.32:10-12; 1:11,31**

De 32:3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

1. God is to be praised because He is the Rock
2. God is to be praised because He is faithful

Seeking His Glory

The Glorious Inheritance

Seeking That God would Glorify His Son in Us

John 7: 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but **he that seeketh his glory** **that sent him**, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

* The true doctrine of salvation sets forth the glory of God.
* The true doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost glorifies God
* False doctrine dishonors the glory of God.

The true doctrine of salvation differs from the false in this, that the true doctrine sets forth the glory of God, and the false doctrine by puffing up men, dishonours the glory of God.

*“If any man wilt do his will”*

1. I will give you a sure rule by which ye may judge of my doctrine:
   1. If you really will do the will of God,
      1. begin the practice of it;
      2. take my doctrine, and apply it to all that you know God requires of man;
   2. he shall know of the doctrine

*“He that speaketh of himself”*

1. I will give you another rule,
   1. whereby you shall know whether I am from God or not:
      1. If I speak so as to procure my own glory, to gratify vanity, or to secure and promote my secular interests, then reject me as a deceiver and as a false prophet.
      2. But if I act only to promote the glory of God, to induce all men to love and obey him;
      3. if I propose nothing but what leads to the perfection of his law, and the accomplishment of its ordinances, you cannot help acknowledging me at least for a true prophet;
      4. if you add to this the proofs which I have given of my mission and power, you must acknowledge me as the mighty power of God, and the promised Messiah.

Ho 8:12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

Ge 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

1Ch 16:10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. 11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

Ps 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Joh 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 17:1 ¶ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: