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The Fear of the Lord

Psalm 34

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The fear of the Lord is an essential foundation upon which all of life depends.
- B. Where there is no fear of God, society decays and crumbles. *(Romans 3:9-18)*
- C. David learned the importance of the fear (respect, revere, honor) of the Lord and so he sought to teach people to fear God. *(Psalm 34:11)*

The first lesson in the school of life  
is to learn the fear of the Lord.

II. WHY IS THIS SO FOUNDATIONALLY IMPORTANT?

- A. The fear of the Lord teaches us of the greatness of His purpose for us. *(Psalm 34:1-3)*
  - 1. Our highest purpose is to glorify God and when you know that purpose it changes the way you live. *(Psalm 34:1-3; Ephesians 1:11-12)*

- 2. To glorify God is to know Him and to make Him known – to magnify His person by the way we live.
- 3. People who live for His glory are used by God to transform the world as people learn the fear of the Lord. *(Psalm 34:8-11)*

B. The fear of the Lord teaches us of the greatness of His presence with us. *(Psalm 34:4-7; 15-20)*

- 1. When we know we are not alone it helps allay our fears. *(Psalm 34:4-7)*
- 2. The fear of the Lord teaches us that we need not fear anything else because:
  - a. God is our Protector *(Psalm 34:6-8)*
    - 1 Samuel 17:8-47
    - Psalm 34:15-22
    - 2 Timothy 4:18
  - b. God is our Provider *(Psalm 34:9-10)*
    - Matthew 6:25-33
    - Psalm 34:5-22
  - c. God is our Purifier *(Psalm 34:12-16)*
    - Psalm 51:1-4; 7-10
    - Psalm 34:15

III. CONCLUSION

Job 28:28  
Psalm 34:1-3; 11