

The Fear of the Lord Leads to Life

Confidence in Serving the Lord

- Proverbs 19:23 (NKJV)
- 23 The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.
- reverence for God increases as our regard for His word increases; continuing in His word day after day being wary of distractions, cares of this life, yields faithfulness - fellowship with God
- Proverbs 19:27 (NKJV)
- 27 Cease **listening** to **instruction**, my son, And **you will stray** from the words of knowledge.
- **you will stray : to go astray - wander from a proper belief or course of action.**
- Luke 1:1–4 (NKJV)
- 1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,
- 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,
- 3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,
- 4 that **you may know the certainty** of those things in which you were **instructed**.
- 1 John 5:9–13 (NKJV)
- 9 If we receive the witness of men, the Witness of God is Greater; for this is the Witness of God which He has Testified of His Son. 10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.
- - Acts 5:29–32 (NKJV)
 - 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.
 - 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.
 - 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 **And we are His witnesses** to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”
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- 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.**
- 1 Peter 1:8 (NKJV)
- 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, **yet believing, you rejoice** with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
 - **yet believing, you rejoice** 1 Peter 4:13 (NKJV)

- 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, **you may also be glad with exceeding joy.**

- 1 Samuel 1:27-2:3 (NKJV)

- 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord." So they worshiped the Lord there.

- 1 And Hannah prayed and said: **"My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.**

- 2 "No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. 3 "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

- **The reason for Hannah rejoicing was God had given her a son when naturally speaking it was impossible for her to have children, to her it was God's deliverance from the affliction of being barren.**

- Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

- 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **This is the point of our rejoicing in that we are partakers of God's deliverance of not having a Savior from death, from the separation from God and eternal suffering.**

- 1 John 1:3-4 (NKJV)

- 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

- **4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.**

- Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NKJV)

- 17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—

- **18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

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