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The Fear of The Lord
Psalm 34**

I. Introduction

- A. Anything destructive is possible when people lose their fear of the Lord.
- B. We are not to be afraid of God, but we are to fear Him.
- C. This is why David said that it was vital that we learn the fear of the Lord. Psalm 34:11

**The First and Most Important Lesson of Life is to
Learn the Fear of the Lord**

II. What will the fear of the Lord teach us?

- A. Through the fear of the Lord, we learn the greatness of His purpose for us. Ps.34:1-3
 - 1. Without God there is no meaningful purpose for our existence.
 - 2. In Psalm 34:3 David reminds us that our purpose is to glorify God and exalt His name together.

- a. glorify - "magnify". Make great in size and importance
- b. The same thing Paul wrote to the Ephesians Eph1:11-12.

- 3. Through the fear (respect, honor, reverence, adoration) of the Lord we learn more submission to the eternal purposes of God for our lives. Phil. 2:12-16a

- B. Through the fear of the Lord, we learn the power of His presence with us. Psalm 34:4-22

- 1. Because David learned the fear of God, he had little fear of anything else.
- 2. Through the word of God and the many experiences of his life he came to know the assurance of God's presence with him in every situation.

- a. He learned that God is our Protector. Psalm 34:6-8, 1 Samuel 17:8-47; Psalm 34:15-22
- b. He learned that God is our Provider. Psalm 34:9-10; Matthew 6:25-33; 1 Tim: 6:8
- c. He learned that God is our Purifier. Psalm 34:12-16; Psalm 51:7-12

III. Conclusion

Job 28:28; Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Psalm 34:1-3;11