

The Fear of the Lord
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Monday, 9:30-11:00 am

To be discussed 3-24-25

1. Our supplemental study for Ecclesiastes begins with the wisdom literature of Proverbs. Read Proverbs 1:1-7. How does Proverbs seem to differ in tone from Ecclesiastes right from the beginning? What is the stated purpose of Proverbs? (see v. 7)

2. What do you think it means to fear the Lord? Why might someone have a negative response to this phrase? Is it a phrase you have ever struggled with? Why/why not?

3. Read Proverbs 2:1-11 and record all the actions a wise son/person should take (v. 1-4). What is the result of these actions? (v. 5 and 9-10)

4. Read Proverbs 2:6-11 and record all the Lord gives to the one who fears Him. How is the fear of the Lord key to receiving these good gifts? What is the greatest gift we can ever receive?

5. Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. What does the Teacher claim is most important in life?(v. 13) Why? (v. 13 and 14) How does this challenge or reassure you?

6. To better understand the fear of the Lord in all of Scripture, read Matthew 28:1-10. List the references to fear and who was afraid (v. 4, 5, and 8) What were the actions of the soldiers? Of the women? How did they respond when they saw Jesus? (v. 9)

7. Based on your observations from these passages, what does it mean to fear the Lord?