

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Fear of the Lord

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

Any earnest study of the book of Proverbs will acknowledge that the key verse of this inspiring book is the above verse. This one verse clearly points out that we must *fear* God and in acknowledging that fear, we begin the process of gaining knowledge.

The question then must be asked, *“Do you fear God?”* Most people, who claim to be religious, will quickly say “yes” to that question. But I wonder! Fearing something usually means acting in a manner that shows the actual “fear” or “respect” of something. For instance, if you have a “fear” of snakes, you would tend to avoid snakes. If you “fear” the consequences of perjuring yourself in a court of law, then you would certainly tell the truth as a witness. True fear of something will usually have a direct impact on our actions.

Why then, as Christians, do we do things that we know are not pleasing to God if we truly *fear* God? If we fear God, we will strive each day to obey His commandments in everything that we do. But “. . . *all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*”. This is nothing new, but we need to take a hard look at what’s important in our lives. Are we allowing our will to take precedence over God’s will? God is patient and forgiving, but we need to find a way to regain the *“fear of the Lord”* that guides our actions.

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland