

Greeting Family and Friends,

We were blessed to host a CBC Team from Minneapolis in late March, where we took to the streets of Durham and Charlotte, NC to minister to the homeless. It had its challenges because ministering to street people is not something that everyone feels comfortable doing, but God showed up and what a blessing He was to everyone involved.

In this month's newsletter, Suzan shares with us about "The Fear of the Lord" a topic that our enemy Satan has used against God's people throughout the ages. We trust that it will enlighten you and help you in your everyday walk with the Lord.

God Bless you!
Your friends,
Mickey & Suzan

The Fear of the Lord

There are many passages in the Bible that speak of the blessings that come with fearing God.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The angel of the Lord abides with those that fear him.

Those that fear God will lack no good thing.

Great is the mercy of the Lord toward them that fear him.

God pours out his compassion on those that fear him.

It shall be well with them that fear him.

For years people have typically entertained the same attitude that the Pharisees had: God brought you into this world and he can take you out if you don't measure up to his expectations.

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and *their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men*: Isaiah 29:13

In Psalms 34:11 God says, let me teach you the fear of the Lord.

He has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

Romans 8:15 says that we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear.

The promised blessings that come with fearing God are not based on measuring up to a set of man-made conditions that are impossible to meet.

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God continues to say in this same passage.... but I have given you the spirit of adoption whereby you cry Abba Father. If you put all of this into simple terms, God is really saying I brought you into this world and I will take good care of you in the midst of it, if you trust me to care for you like a father.

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalms 34:1-4

O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusts in him. Psalms 34:8

Don't view your situations and talk as if He won't be there to intervene on your behalf. Seek His peace. Don't settle for anything less. Psalms 34:13-14

The LORD redeems the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Psalms 34:22

According to the Hebrew dictionary the word desolate means to be guilty of something deserving punishment; to be offensive. In other words God is saying if you turn to me in the midst of your adverse situations and put your trust in me, I will show you much mercy, and be there for you because nothing thrills me more than for you to boldly come into my presence and say 'Abba Father!'

Psalms 34:11-15 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good? 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

God is faithful and loving and wants to take care of us as the loving Father that He is-if we will let Him.



In the collage of pictures above (starting with top left) you see the CBC Minn. Team in front of the Durham Rescue Mission bldg. Next you see the Team making Easter baskets for the children . Next the students ministering to clients from the streets that come at lunch . Ministering to the homeless on the streets was powerful. (Bottom row) Ministering at lunch . Last three were in Charlotte, NC ministering at the "Bridge Event".