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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers**
1. 27
 2. Moses
 3. Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
 4. Hebrews
 5. Acts
 6. Philemon

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Corwin Richardson	June 8	3PM Singing
Announcements:	John Van Baale		
Encouragement Talk:	Eddie Bowen	June 15	Nothing
Opening Prayer:	Kevin Buckner		
Scripture Reading:	Gary Tuttle	June 22	3PM Devotionals
	Luke 9:37–43		
Song Leader:	John Franks		
Table Talk:	Sandon Spyker	June 29	Nothing
Contribution:	Josh Emerson		
Helper:	Kyle Crain		
Fruit of Vine:	Tyler Blazek		
Helper:	Truett Blazek		
Helper:	Theo Edge		
Closing Prayer:	Billy Scherry		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	Josh Emerson
		Speaker:	Kevin Buckner



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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The Fear Of God

Scripture has a lot of instances of the phrases “fear God” and “fear the Lord.” They are found throughout the Old and New Testament. We also read “*God is love*” (1 John 4:8), and “*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love*” (1 John 4:18). Many struggle to know why fearing God is important.

“*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (Proverbs 1:7). No one will listen to the instruction of God so as to change their life, no one will adopt the wisdom of God in their decisions, until they fear the Lord. This speaks of a deep reverence and respect for God, which exists because we know He is all powerful and all knowing. I call it a repect born from a knee-knocking fear. We use this language in our society about how a parent ‘puts the fear of God’ into a child (because the parent will discipline them). We all see the value of the ‘knee-knocking fear’ from a child so they will come to respect and obey the parent. The same is true about the Lord. This is the beginning of knowledge. “*The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility*” (Proverbs 15:33). “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding*” (Proverbs 9:10). But some hate “*knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord*” (Proverbs 1:29).

Fear of the Lord (fear of God) is more about respect and reverence (as seen in Scripture). Isaiah 11:1–3 speaks about Jesus: “*Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord.*” Jesus delighted in the fear of the Lord. This is about His respect, reverence, and love for God. Cerntainly Jesus had no fear of punishment because He said “*I always do the things that are pleasing to Him*” (John 8:29). We also need this fear of the Lord.

Notice several passages from the Proverbs about those who possess this fear of the Lord. Proverbs 8:13 “*The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.*” Proverbs 10:27 “*The fear of the Lord prolongs life, But the years of the*

wicked will be shortened.” Proverbs 14:26 “*In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.*” Proverbs 14:27 “*The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death.*” Proverbs 19:23 “*The fear of the Lord leads to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.*” Proverbs 22:4 “*The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches, honor and life.*” Proverbs 23:17 “*Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the Lord always.*” Proverbs 31:30 “*a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.*” Many things worthy of contemplation and adoption.

Most who are Christian’s in our time do not even speak of fearing God. The emphasis is on His love. We are correct to marvel at and appreciate His love, and love Him in return - “*We love, because He first loved us*” (1 John 4:19). However, a failure to possess a fear for God (such as Jesus had) is to demonstrate a lack of understanding. Scripture has SO much to say about this! I will point to Hebrews 12:28–29, “*Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.*” Service without reverence and awe (fear of the Lord) is not acceptable to God.

Every Christian needs to study these things to the point of understanding and application in our lives. We need to study to know all about God and His greatness, all about His promises to condemn and save, all about His love for us. We then need to look at the examples in Scripture of those who feared the Lord.

This has always been God’s way. Deuteronomy 10:12 says, “*Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord’s commandments and His statutes.*” Ecclesiastes 12:13 says “*The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.*” In John 9:31 Jesus says “*if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.*” In Acts 10:22 Cornelius (the first Gentile convert) is remembered for being “*a devout man and one who feared God with all his household*”. 1 Peter 2:17 tells us we are to “*Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.*”

“let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

by Charles Willis

**Know
Your
Bible**

Books

1. How many books in the New Testament?
2. Which was not a minor prophet: Zachariah, Moses, Jonah?
3. Which are the Old Testament books of poetry?
4. Which book’s author is unknown: Daniel, Obadiah, Hebrews, or Revelation?
5. Which is the book of history in the New testament?
6. Which was written by Paul: Philemon, James, Jude, or Acts?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Is The Bible Still Relevant?

by Cody Chesser

“The Bible is such an old book. It’s not really relevant to us anymore.” This is a popular sentiment in today’s world. The fact that the Bible was written over 2,000 years ago is, quite frankly, an excuse used by many to avoid having anything to do with it. Many will tell us, as Christians, that much of what the Bible teaches on topics like marriage, homosexuality, the roles of men and women, and a variety of other things are just not in line with the times and culture we live in. Sadly, they are correct. The Bible does not align with the views and ideals of the world today. However, that being said, let’s be clear about one thing: The world is out of line, not the Bible.

When Scripture was written by those whom God inspired, it was written to be everlasting, unchanging, and constant from that time forward. Psalm 119:89 – “*Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*” Isaiah 40:8 – “*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*” God knew that the world would continue on after He gave us Scripture, and He never intended on sending us a “revised copy.” God’s word is firmly fixed, as Psalm 119 says. The teachings and commands laid out within it are just as applicable today as they were 2,000 years ago.

“The world is changing. Shouldn’t our religion change as well?” No. Scripture and the commands of God were never meant to be changed. We were. Romans 12:2 – “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...*” The purpose of our lives is to follow Christ and conform ourselves to His will above anything else—and Jesus isn’t changing. He asks us to change. Hebrews 13:8 – “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” Scripture gives us a constant and consistent guide as to what we are to be and how we are to live. The ever-changing world that we live in should have no bearing on who we are.

Something else to realize is that the Bible speaks plainly on the very issues that people often point to to show the Bible’s lack of relevance today. Matthew 19:4–6 - “*Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female...*” 1 Corinthians 11:3 - “*But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*” Romans 1:26–27 - “*...their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women... committing shameless acts with men...*” 1 Corinthians 6:9–10 - “*...do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral... nor men who practice homosexuality... will inherit the kingdom of God.*”

So is the Bible still relevant? Absolutely! Scripture gives us our only insight into the will of God for our lives and the specific instruction we must follow to enter in to heaven. Just because we don’t like it, doesn’t make it untrue. The Bible will always be relevant and will never require a revision.

Stop trying to change Scripture when it was written to change you!