

## King James Bible Study Correspondence Course

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### Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 18B

#### What it means to Fear the Lord

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In or to completely understand this lesson you must read, look-up the verses and answer the question in Lesson 18A

We will begin this Bible lesson with a poem by the missionary C.T. Studd. He was a famous cricket player in England who turned his back on fame and fortune to serve God.

#### ONLY ONE LIFE

- *Two little lines I heard one day, - Traveling along life's busy way; -  
Bringing conviction to my heart, - And from my mind would not depart; -  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *Only one life, yes only one, - Soon will its fleeting hours be done; -  
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, - And stand before His Judgment  
seat; - Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ  
will last.*
- *Only one life, the still small voice, - Gently pleads for a better choice -  
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, - And to God's holy will to cleave; -  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *Only one life, a few brief years, - Each with its burdens, hopes, and  
fears; - Each with its clays I must fulfill, - Living for self or in His will; -  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *When this bright world would tempt me sore, - When Satan would a  
victory score; - When self would seek to have its way, - Then help me  
Lord with joy to say; - Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's  
done for Christ will last.*
- *Give me Father, a purpose deep, - In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;  
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, - Pleasing Thee in my daily life;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *Oh let my love with fervor burn, - And from the world now let me turn;  
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, - Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy*

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*throne; Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*

- *Only one life, yes only one, - Now let me say, "Thy will be done"; - And when at last I'll hear the call, - I know I'll say "twas worth it all"; - Only one life, 'twill soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last.*
- *Only one life will soon be past, - Only what's done for Christ will last. - And when I am dying how happy I'll be, - If the lamp of my life has been burned out for thee."*

Where is the only place we can find to get a full complete accurate and well rounded understanding of who God is, In order to properly respond in fearing Him? Not from watching TV, not from our society, not even from the majority of pulpits or Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup>. century. The only place that will make you tremble at the presence of God is the Holy Bible. It was written to reveal **Himself** to us. You must decide to open it, read it, and hear it...

- ◆ The first six chapters in you are going to find out God announcing His intentions to destroy the whole world with a flood because of the wickedness of man. That is a God you need to fear!
- ◆ When you get to Genesis chapter 19, God is raining fire and brimstone on the sodomites at Sodom and Gomorrah. This is a God before whose presence you ought to tremble.

The God of the Old Testament does not change.(Malachi 3:6) The God of the New Testament said I am the same yesterday, today and forever.(Hebrews 13:8) As we read through the New Testament we find God continually refers back to events in the Old Testament to prove how serious He is about sin and how certain that judgment would come when we refuse to fear Him. Fearing God is reverencing God. Fearing God is trembling before God...He is great, holy, powerful, righteous...He judges sin!

- Second Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise.* the context the promise is judgment. It doesn't matter what God promises He keeps His promise and He promised to judge sin!
- Galatians 6:7... *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* This is advising you that it is not smart to mock God.

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Leviticus 19:14 What does it mean to fear the Lord? We don't have to be confused. God clearly defines it in the Bible. The Bible says...*Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.* To fear God is to live in the continual awareness of His presence remembering that He is there! God hears every word you say. God said you will give account (Matthew 12:36) of every idle word we speak.

We used to teach the song in Sunday school... *Be careful little hands what you see... Be careful little ears what you hear... Be careful little feet where you go... Be careful little hands what you do.* Why? *For the Father up above is looking down on you... (in love)*

- Hebrews 4:13 says... *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*
- Psalm 44:21 says... *Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.*
- Luke 12:3 says... *Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.*
- Ecclesiastes 12:14 says... *For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

To fear God is to remember there is a judgment day coming, He knows everything we have ever said, every thought, every deed, and He knows that we know the verses that tell us how to live His way.

The fear of God is just to remember that He is there!

- Would you have done that if God was right there?
- Would you have said that if God was standing right beside you?
- Would you have smoked that if you knew the Lord was present?
- Would you have taken that drink if God was sitting right beside you?
- Would you have gone there with those people and did those things, if God was with you? What we fail to recognize is that He was there... He is there. He will always be there.

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Why do we often dismiss God from our thinking? We don't fear Him.

- ✓ To fear the Lord is to reverence God.
- ✓ To fear God is to tremble at His presence.
- ✓ To fear God is to remember that He is there.

There are two more verses that really help me as much as any others when it comes to fearing God to understand what it means.

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.* You might say *how does that help me define the fear of God?"*

The fear of man is when we do not do what we should do because we are afraid of what people might think. Saul is a great example of this, 1 Samuel 15:24 Saul feared the people so much that he disobeyed God's commandment on his life, as a result of his sin, God took away his kingdom and gave it to David. In our own lives we say things like... *I know I should witness to that person but it's going to be awkward... so I don't.* What is your problem? You fear man, It is more important to you how that person feels that what God says. It is allowing the judgment of others to influence my decision making. It is basing my actions on what people are going to think of me. If I make THAT my determining factor in what I do and what I say, the Bible says I'm going to have problems – the fear of man. If fearing man is not doing the right thing because what people will think of you than fearing God is doing the right thing because you care what God thinks about you. Colossians 3:22 The Bible says... *Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;...BUT in singleness of heart, fearing God:* Fearing God is contrasted in this passage with pleasing man. You have one set against the other. Do you see the connection? Fearing God is pleasing HIM... not pleasing THEM! If I am a menpleaser, then I will do what pleases men. If I fear God I am going to do what pleases God.

Here is the prayer of a man who fears God. (Psalm 19:14) *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

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- ✓ To fear God is to remember.
- ✓ To fear God is to tremble.
- ✓ To fear God is to reverence.
- ✓ To fear God is to live to please Him; it's to let that be the primary consideration in the things that we say and do.

Do you have a good understanding of who He is? When we put Him in perspective it will help us to put ourselves in perspective. Fearing God is standing in awe of Him... reverencing Him.

- The fear of God is trembling, knowing who He is and knowing that He judges sin.
- The fear of God is remembering He's always there; He always sees... He always hears.
- Fearing God is the acknowledgement and His opinion is the only one that matters.

Our thoughts, decisions, beliefs, and actions should all be built upon our fear of The Lord.

Notes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Note: (\*) indicates you must include scripture with your answers.

1. What happens when we fear man?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are the four points of the Psalmist who fears the Lord?
  - a.
  
  
  - b.
  
  
  - c.
  
  
  - d.
  
3. Why do we often dismiss God from our thinking?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What are the three definitions of fearing the Lord?
  - a.
  
  
  - b.
  
  
  - c.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What do we remember when we are fearing God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What was C.T. Studd trying to tell us in his poem?

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7. Explain Matthew 12:36.
  
8. What happens to us when we put God in perspective?
  
9. What is an example of fearing man?
  
10. Explain *curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind*, in Leviticus 19:14 while giving us your understanding of this lesson? (use back of this page if necessary.)

## True/false

- Our lives are like a vapor.
- Knowledge comes from fearing the Lord.
- The only way to get wisdom is to pray for it.
- It is OK for me to not do what God says because He understands me.
- God see's the secrets in my heart.



## Scripture memorization

Proverbs 29:25; Hebrews 4:13; Ecclesiastes 12:14

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?