

Does Job Fear God For Nothing? – Motives For Service

Job 1:8-12

➤ **Love**

- ***God's love for us and in turn, our for Him.***
 - I Jn. 4:19 → We love him, because he first loved us.
 - Matt. 22:36-38 → 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- ***How God has shown His love to us.***
 - Rom. 5:6-10 → 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time (*i.e.. The right time*) Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (cf. v-10 → enemies; cf. Matt. 5:44)
 - Jn. 15:13 → 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- ***How we show our love for God.***
 - John 15:14 → 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (cf. Jn. 14:15)
 - Rom. 8:37-39 → 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

➤ **Fear**

- ***Fear of God rejected in the world:***
 - Ps. 36:1 → The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.
 - Ps. 10:13 → 13 Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? (ESV)
 - Eccl. 8:13 → 13 But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God. (ESV)
- How God should be feared:
 - Isa. 66:1-2 → 1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? 2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. (ESV)
 - Heb. 10:26-31 → 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
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○ **Reverence and Respect for God and His word:**

- Eccl. 12:13-14 → 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.
- II Cor. 5:10-11 → 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;

➤ **Gratitude**

○ **God has bestowed on us:**

- Grace – giving us what we don't deserve.
- Mercy – withholding what we do deserve.
- Eph. 2:1-7 → And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 ***But God***, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

○ **What should be our response?**

- Eph. 5:15-20 → 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is]. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Col. 3:16-17; Phil. 4:6; Col. 1:10-12; I Thess. 5:16-17)