

**Pastor Matt's Sermon Notes**  
**Do You Fear The Lord, Really?**  
**Psalm 34:11-22**  
**July 25, 2021**

A. David teaches about the fear of the Lord.

*Psalm 34:11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

*1 John 4:17-18*

*Hebrews 13:6*

*Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!*

*Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

*Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.*

*Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.*

*Genesis 42:18 ...Do this and you will live, for I fear God:*

*Exodus 1:17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.*

*Exodus 12:21 Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people...*

*Psalm 115:11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.*

*Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

*2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others...*

1. David defines the fear of the Lord in terms of action, what comes out of the mouth.

*Psalm 34:11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.*

*Matthew 12:34*

*Hebrews 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

2. David defines the fear of the Lord in terms of action, how he behaves.

*Psalm 34:14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

*Isaiah 1:16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.*

*Psalm 19:9-11*

B. David teaches that God is the watcher and rewarder.

*Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.*

C. David teaches that God is the helper of the righteous.

*Psalm 34:17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.*

D. David ends with a warning and a promise.

*Psalm 34:21 Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

*Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

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