

Personal / Small Group Sermon Study

The Lord's Love is With Those Who Fear Him

Week of March 4, 2018 A.D.

God loves everybody. And, God gives to each of us the free-will to either accept or reject Him and His love. Let's talk about that in this lesson.

Read Psalm 103:13 – 14

Compassion means “a deep awareness of the suffering of another accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.”

Fear has at least two distinct meanings. From a purely human perspective, fear means “anxious concern; reason for alarm.” In the context of the Bible, fear can also mean “profound reverence and awe - especially toward God.”

1. Many people say that they do not believe in the God of the Bible because “a good and loving God would never allow all of the suffering which exists in the world.” How would you respond to such a comment? Please explain the reasons for your response.
2. Is God aware of the suffering of each person on planet earth? Can God alleviate all human suffering? If not, why not? If so, why does He not do so? Please explain your answers.
3. According to Psalm 103:13, does God have compassion on each and every person who is alive today? If not, why not? Please explain.
4. In your opinion, is it rational for a person to fear God? If not, why not? If so, why? (In your answer, consider Matt. 10:28 and Proverbs 9:10.)

Read Genesis 2:7 and Psalm 103:13 – 16

5. Is it rational for a person to believe in life after death? Please explain the reasons for your answer.

Read Exodus 20:1 – 17

6. Many states used to have “blue laws” which required most businesses to be closed on Sunday. What are the advantages for a culture or nation which has and obeys blue laws? What are the disadvantages? Which is better? Please explain your answers.

7. Refer to verse 12. Please discuss the benefits which a society receives from obeying verse 12 and the detriments which a society experiences from failing to obey that verse.
8. Refer to verses 13 – 17. Based on your knowledge of human history, what has become of cultures/societies/nations which have (a) obeyed these commands and (b) not obeyed these commands? Please give examples of such cultures/societies/nations to support your answers.

Read Psalm 103:17 – 18

9. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “God loves everybody. However, not every person loves God and not every person chooses to receive God’s love.”
10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “A covenant is a solemn and binding agreement. A precept is a rule or principle which specifies a particular course of action or conduct. Jesus made a covenant with the entire world when He promised that any person who comes to Him asking for forgiveness of sin will receive eternal life. A person demonstrates his or her acceptance of that covenant by choosing to obey the precepts of Jesus.”

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

11. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “The righteousness of God mentioned in Psalm 103:17 currently controls and directs the lives of all people who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sin.”
12. Does the teaching of Psalm 103:17 confirm the promise of eternal life which God gives to all people who believe in the name of Jesus for salvation? Please explain your answer.

Consider: Christianity is not a religion. Christianity is a personal relationship with the God of the universe made possible only through faith in His Son Jesus. In that relationship, God becomes your Father, you become His child, and you thereafter live in a loving relationship with Him for both time and eternity. “You think about that!” Amen.