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March 6 & 9, 2024

Lesson 13

(D1: The Heart) Repentance/Forgiveness

DUE:

Wednesday, March 20/ Saturday, March 23

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in thinking carefully about biblical repentance in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

PLEASE NOTE: This homework includes a "Looking Deeper" section on the fear of the Lord. You will use it to answer "Looking Ahead," and it will be really helpful in preparing for our next lesson! It is also longer than usual, so you might want to approach it in one of several different ways. For example:

- Look up 1-2 verses/day between now and the next Wellspring class. Read the verse, fill in the chart, and use what you observe to prayerfully prepare your heart for your daily Bible reading.
- Set aside extra time on your calendar for this study.
- If you can't complete it all, you will find it beneficial to do as much as you can.

LOOKING BACK . . .

Look back at your notes from March 6 & 9 (D1-Repentance/Forgiveness) and remind yourself of the eight characteristics of biblical repentance. What stands out the most to you? Why? Was there anything unclear or confusing to you?

Earnestness. How are you doing at persistently striving against sin? What do you notice to be true at a heart level when your striving seems weaker than usual?

Vindication. What are some ways we lie to ourselves when we strive to remove a sinful practice from our life? What is a biblical response to these lies?

Indignation. How often do you think about the sufferings of Christ in your place on the cross? How does this inform your view of a particular sin?

Fear. How would you describe your reverence for the Lord? What are some aspects of God's character that - as you ponder them - will help you see sin in its proper light?

Longing. What effect does the choice to sin have on your fellowship with the Lord? How does this truth help you when you are tempted to sin?

Zeal. Scripture memory is a great way to wage war with indwelling sin. What Scriptures have you found to be helpful in your battle for holiness?

5 Provisions. How do the principles found in Romans 6 (the Christian's freedom from sin's power) help you in your repentance?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY . . .

Take a few minutes to reflect on your devotional time alone with the Lord over the last few weeks. What do you see that is encouraging to you? Is there anything you would like to address?

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Proverbs 31:10-31 describe an excellent woman who embodies the wisdom described throughout Proverbs.

Verse 30 says, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised."

The fear of the Lord is at the heart of all that the Proverbs 31 woman is and does.

But . . . what does it mean to fear the Lord?

Complete the topical study on the fear of the Lord in Looking Deeper, then answer the questions below. (If you don't finish Looking Deeper, be sure to answer these questions based on whatever you have completed in Looking Deeper.)

1. Review your notes about the fear of the Lord in "Looking Deeper," then describe how these observations from God's Word help you better understand what it means to fear the Lord.

2. Pray and ask God to help you grow in a biblical fear of Him through our next lesson on the Proverbs 31 woman.

Wellspring Kids Memory Verse:

"I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your works and muse on all Your deeds. Your Way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples." Psalm 77:11-14

LOOKING DEEPER - The Fear of the Lord

(When you are finished with Looking Deeper, you may want to file it with the other Wellspring resources for easy reference in the future.)

Pray and ask the Lord to help you understand His Word and to respond to it with a humble heart.

Answer each question below by recording observations and insights from the verses in the table. The first verse for each question is done as an example.

1. What characteristics are associated with the fear of the Lord?

Ge 22:12	Obeying God when it's costly
Dt 10:12-13	
Dt 10:20	
Ps 112:1	
Pr 3:7	
Pr 8:13	
Pr 9:10	
Is 8:13	

(For additional insights, see Ex 14:31; 18:21; Lev 19:14, 32; 25:17; Dt 5:29; 6:1-7; 8:6; 13:4; Jos 24:14; 1 Sa 12:24; 2 Chr 6:31; Neh 1:11; Job 28:28; Ps 22:23; 33:18; 40:3; 64:9; 66:16; 128:1; 147:11; Pr 1:7; 23:17; Mal 2:5; 3:16; 2 Co 5:11; 7:1; Ep 5:21; Re 14:7; 15:4; 19:5.)

2. Why should God be feared?

Ps 47:2	He is a great King over all the earth
Ps 130:4	
Lk 12:5	
Re 14:7	
Re 15:4	

(For additional insights, see 1 Sa 12:24; Ps 96:4; Jer 5:24; 2 Co 7:1; 1 Pe 2:17.)

3. How does one get (or grow in) the fear of the Lord?

Dt 6:1-2	By learning and obeying God's commands; Children and grandchildren can learn to fear and obey God by watching parents and grandparents learn and obey God's commands
Dt 17:15-20	
Dt 31:10-13	
Pr 2:1-5	

(For additional insights, see Ex 14:31; Ps 34:11; 40:3; 67:7; 86:11.)

4. What are the benefits of fearing the Lord?

Ex 20:20	It restrains from sin
Dt 17:20	
Ps 103:11, 13, 17	
Pr 14:26-27	
Pr 15:33	

(For additional insights, see Dt 5:29; 6:1-3, 24; 31:13; 1 Sa 12:14; 2 Ki 17:39; Ps 31:19; 33:18; 34:7; 61:5; 147:11; Pr 10:27; 19:23; 22:4; Eccl 8:12; Lk 1:50; Ac 9:31; Re 11:18.)

Don't forget to go back and answer the questions in Looking Ahead after finishing this Looking Deeper study!