**Living Wisely – Pr. 14**

**Focal Truth: The righteous live in the fear of God**

**Observations**

1. **The righteous – upright walk in the fear of the Lord 14:2**

*He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord…*

*He who maintains his integrity fears the Lord – Aramaic*

1. Abraham the father of the righteous: walked before the Lord in the fear of the Lord

Gen 17:1 – *when Abram was ninety years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless*

1. David exhorted Solomon to walk before the Lord

1 Kgs. 2:4 – *If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth and with all their heart and with all their soul you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel*

1. God spoke to Soloman calling Him to walkl before the Lord

2 Chr. 7:16 – *as for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will my statutes and my ordinances, then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with. Your father* *David*

1. Believers are to walk before God fearfully

Eph. 5:15 – *be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise*

1. **The fear of God & righteous living**
2. Deut. 6 – the fear of God & righteousness
3. Deut. 6:1 –2 – *now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His comman*dments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged
4. Deut. 6:5 – *you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*
5. Deut. 6:18 – *you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord…*
6. Deut. 6:25 -  *it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the Lord our God, just as He commanded us*
7. **The promises for living in the fear of God**
8. 1:7 – *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*
9. 2:5 – *you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God*
10. 8:13 – *the fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride & arrogance & the evil way*
11. 9:10 – *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to the know of the Holy One is understanding*
12. 10:27 – *the fear of the Lord prolongs life*
13. 14:26 -27 – *the fear of the Lord is strong confidence*

 *The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life*

1. 15:16 – *Better is a little with the fear of the Lord*
2. 15:33 – *The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom*
3. 16:6 – *by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil*
4. 19:23 – *the fear of the Lord leads to life*
5. 22:4 – *the reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life*
6. 23:17 *– live in the fear of the Lord always*
7. **The practice of living in the fear of God**
8. The righteous live in **fearful** fear of God

Fear Him who can kill the body & send the soul to hell

Fear Him who judges the righteous in their works at Judgment seat of Christ

Fear Him who judges the lost dead at the White throne judgment seat

1. The righteous live in **worshipful** fear of God
2. The righteous live in **reverential** fear of God
3. The righteous live in **wonderful** fear of God
4. The righteous live in **watchful** fear of God
5. The righteous live in the **respectful** fear of God
6. The righteous live in the **preferencial** fear of God
7. The righteous live in **lovingful** fear of God

**Consider**

1. Obedience in the fear of the Lord is the path to life – 2:19.5:6,10:17, 15:24
2. Instruction in God’s wisdom in the fear of the Lord is the fountain of life – 13:14, 14:27
3. Righteosness living in the fear of God is the tree of life – 3:18, 11:30, 13:12, 15:4

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Live in the fear of God and you will live
2. The God who made you & saved you ought to be feared by you!
3. Lovingful fear of God produces life & blessings!