**The call to Christian Obedience – Fear God**

 Eccl. 12:13 -14 – The conclusion when all has been heard, is, fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil

**Focal Truth: Christian’s obey God when they fear God**

**Observations**

1. **Fearing God is an act of obedience – Eccl. 12:13 – fear God**
2. Fear = reverence, awe, respect
3. Fearing God is an act of the mind
4. Fearing God is an act of the emotions
5. Fearing God is an act of will
6. Luke 12:4 -5 – I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes I tell you, fear Him!
7. Fearing God removes the fear of man – Pr. 29:25 – the fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted
8. Isa. 51:17 – listen to Me, you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is My law, do not fear the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their reviling’s
9. Fearing God removes the fear of death – Ps. 23:4 – though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me
10. **Fearing God produces obedience to God’s commandments – Eccl. 12:13 – fear God and keep His commandments**
11. Keep = guard, treasure, pay attention
12. Ps. 119:88 – Revive me after thy lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of your mouth
13. Ps 119:11 – Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.
14. **Everyone is accountable to obey God – Eccl. 12:13 – because this applies to every person**
15. Deut.10:12 – Now Israel what does the Lord Your God require from you, but to fear your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
16. Micah 6:8 – 9 – he has told you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? The voice of the Lord will call to the city, and it is sound wisdom to fear Your name, Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed its time?
17. Job 31:14 – what then could I do when God arises? And when He calls me to account, what will I answer to Him?
18. Rom. 14:12 – so then each one of us will give an account of himself to God
19. **God will judge every act of obedience or disobedience – Eccl. 12: 14 – for God will bring every act to judgment**
20. Ps. 9:8 – and He will judge the world in righteousness, He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity
21. Acts 17:31 – He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead
22. Acts 10:42 – he ordered us to preach to the people and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead
23. John 5:22 – for not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son
24. John 5:23 – so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him
25. Rom. 14:10 – why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God
26. 2 Cor. 5:10 – for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
27. **God will judge all the hidden acts of obedience or disobedience – Eccl. 12:14 – everything which is hidden, whether good or evil**
28. 1 Cor. 4:5 – therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts, and then each man’s praise will come to him from God
29. Rom. 2:16 – on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.
30. Matt. 6:4 – so that your giving will be in secret, and your Father who see what is done in secret will reward you.
31. Matt. 6:6 – when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you
32. Matt. 6:16 – do that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you
33. Luke 6:35 – love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High, for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men

**Things to Remember**

1. Fearfulness of man leads to disobedience to God
2. Man - fear is idolatry to God
3. What I do reveals what I fear
4. Remember God sees everything you do you can’t hide it from Him!
5. Surrender your hiddenness to the Lord as an act of fearing Him
6. You are responsible for to God for all your actions
7. The best protection from sin is fearing God

**Daily Use**

1. Ask yourself, Am I living today in the fear of God?
2. Love God, Fear God rejoicing in His love and care for you!
3. Practice 1 Sam. 12:24 – Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He has done for you.
4. Fear God and serve Him with all your heart
5. Fear God and think deeply about all the great things He has done for you!