



2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

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Readings from the English Bible

- Genesis 4
- Luke 12
- Romans 4
- Psalm 119:65-80

Metrical Psalms

- Psalm 119:1-6

Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection

FEAR HAS ITS PLACE

"Happy is the man that feareth alway" Prov. 28:14

The fear of the Lord is the beginning and the foundation of all true religion. Without a solemn awe and reverence of God there is no foothold for the more brilliant virtues. He whose soul does not worship will never live in holiness.

He is happy who feels a jealous fear of doing wrong. Holy fear looks not only before it leaps, but even before it moves. It is afraid of error, afraid of neglecting duty, afraid of committing sin. It fears ill company, loose talk, and questionable policy. This does not make a man wretched, but it brings him happiness. The watchful sentinel is happier than the soldier who sleeps at his post. He who forseeth evil and escapes it is happier than he who walks carelessly on and is destroyed.

Fear of God is a quiet grace which leads a man along a choice road, of which it is written, "No lion shall be there, neither shall any ravenous beast go up thereon." Fear of the very appearance of evil is a purifying principle, which enables a man, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to keep his garments unspotted from the world. In both senses he that "feareth alway" is made happy. Solomon had tried both worldliness and holy fear: in the one he found vanity, in the other happiness. Let us not repeat his trial, but abide by his verdict.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time

“Heavenly Father! To whose eye”

Josiah Conder
(1789-1855)

Ps.25:5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Heavenly Father! to whose eye
Future things unfolded lie,
Through the desert, where I stray,
Let Thy counsels guide my way.

Lead me not, for flesh is frail,
Where fierce trials would assail:
Leave me not, in darkened hour,
To withstand the tempter's power.

Lord, uphold me day by day,
Shed a light upon my way;
Guide me through perplexing snares;
Care for me in all my cares!

Help Thy servant to maintain
A profession free from stain;
That my sole reproach may be
Following Christ and fearing Thee.

Should Thy wisdom, Lord, decree
Trials long and sharp for me,
Pain of sorrow, care or shame,
Father, glorify Thy name!

Let me neither faint nor fear,
Feeling still that Thou art near;
In the course my Saviour trod,
Tending still to Thee, my God.

“Away, my needless fears”

Paul Gerhardt
(1607-1676)

Is.44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Away, my needless fears,
And doubts, no longer mine;
A ray of heavenly light appears,
A messenger Divine.

Thrice comfortable hope,
That calms my stormy breast;
My Father's hand prepares the cup,
And what He wills is best.

He knows whate'er I want,
He sees my helplessness;
And always readier is to grant,
Than we to ask, His grace.

My fearful heart He reads,
Secures my soul from harms;
While, underneath, His mercy spreads
Its everlasting arms.

The fictious powers of chance
And fortune I defy;
My life's minutest circumstance
Is subject to His eye.

Oh, might I doubt no more;
But in His pleasure rest,
Whose wisdom, love, and truth, and
power,
Engage to make me blest!