

Learning God's Way

A fear that's good - part 5

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Psalm 25:14

"The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant."

Key Points:

God's perspective is different to ours

God cares about the small things

In Gods teaching, God reminds us of his promise

David's Lesson from God:

2 Samuel 6:1-15: David brings back the Ark to Jerusalem

Habakkuk's Lesson from God:

Habakkuk 1:2-4: Habakkuk complains to the Lord

Habakkuk 1:5-11: The Lord answers

Habakkuk 1:12-13: Habakkuk complains again

Habakkuk 2:4-5: Two types of people

God's woes/God's warning:

Habakkuk 2:6: Against greed

Habakkuk 2:9: Against personal security

Habakkuk 2:12: Against exploitation of people

Habakkuk 2:15: Against violence/lust

Habakkuk 2:18: Against idolatry

Habakkuk trusts and relies on the Lord:

Habakkuk 3:16-19:

¹⁶ *I trembled inside when I heard this; my lips quivered with fear. My legs gave way beneath me, and I shook in terror. I will wait quietly for the coming day when disaster will strike the people who invade us. ¹⁷ Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.*

God's Promise:

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ *For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.*

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*

A good reminder:

Proverbs 16:6

⁶ *Unfailing love and faithfulness make atonement for sin. By fearing the LORD, people avoid evil.*