

Bible Study #7

WHAT GOD EXPECTS

Begin memorizing **Matthew 22:37**

“Jesus said to him 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'” - Matthew 22:37

Deuteronomy 10:12 - “And now, Israel, what does the Lord our God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

As Christians we should always remember what God expects from us. In this lesson you should learn:

- A. We should fear God
- B. We should love Him and obey Him
- C. We should serve Him from our hearts.

FEAR does not mean to be afraid or frightened of God. to fear God means to respect Him, have reverence for His holiness, to be in awe of His majesty and glory.

1. What does God promise for those who fear Him?

Luke 1:50 Mercy.

Acts 10:35 Those who fear Him are welcome to Him.

2. When God judges the whole earth, who will He have rewards for?

Revelation 11:18 Those who fear His name.

Proverbs 1:7 - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 9:10 - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

3. What is produced by fearing the Lord? Knowledge and Wisdom.

Proverbs 15:16 - “Better is a little fear of the LORD Than great treasure and turmoil with it.”

4. Why do we love God?

1 John 4:19 Because He first loved us.

5. What did Jesus say the most important commandment was?

Mark 12:29-30 To Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

6. What other commandment did He say was also important?

Mark 12:31 To love your neighbor as yourself.

7. If we are to love God, what else must we do?

1 John 4:20-21 Love other people also.

8. What will we do if we truly love the Lord?

John 14:23 We will keep His word.

1 John 5:2-3 We will keep His commandments.

To serve God involves putting our faith into action. Our faith demonstrates itself through our good works. Read **James 2:14-26**

9. James said we should not only be hearers of God's Word. What else should we do?

James 1:22 We should also be doers of God's Word.

10. What does Jesus say about the man who hears His words and then puts them into action?

Matthew 7:24-27 He is like the wise man who built his house on the rock and not like the man who built his house on the sand.

11. When we do good works or deeds for others, who does Jesus say we are really serving?

Matthew 25:31-40 Jesus.

12. What was God's purpose for creating us in Jesus Christ?

Ephesians 2:10 For good works.

13. If a Christian does lots of good works, but love (agape) is not the reason for doing them, what does the Bible say about that person?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 He is a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. He is nothing. He is not profitable

14. The Bible says we are to do good works. Are we saved by doing them?

Titus 3:5 No we are not saved by works.

Proverbs 21:2-3 - "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

All works should be from **inside** your heart, not only an **outward** show for others to see. When your works are judged by the Lord, He does not see the **outward** appearance of the work, but the **inward** motive. The outward actions of going to church, witnessing, doing good works, etc. do not make you a Christian. Going to church does not make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger! You are a Christian because Jesus has come **inside** your heart. Your outward actions show others what has happened **inside** your heart.

15. When we serve God from a true heart, what will unbelievers do when they see our good works?

Matthew 5:16 They will glorify God who is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:12 Glorify God in the day of visitation.

From memory, write out your memory verse from the beginning of this Bible study.

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