

Promises Not Panic Day 29 4/23/2020

BOW Announcement- WayFM, Nicole, Rita, Franny, band, pastors, surprises.

“Faith reads a promise of God and says, that means me!”

Psa 34:9-14 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Fearing the LORD- having such reverential awe and adoration that... Prov 8:13- the fear of the Lord is to hate evil... Prov 3:7 Fear the LORD and depart from evil... Prov 9:10 fear of the LORD is beginning of wisdom.

Fact- no want, no lack, Ps 31:19, a great goodness, MEG... more...

a) **Pro 14:27** The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

b) fountain of life- source, wellspring, origin... the fear of the Lord is the very wellspring of spiritual life, it is even beyond the beginning of wisdom, it's the very source of spiritual life, all of God's life and blessings burst forth and shower on us from the fountain of the fear of the Lord.

c) quit trying to get your life from some other half dried up, stagnant, stinky, scummy, mosquito infested, trash infested creek and walk in the fear of the Lord, placing yourself under the fountain of spiritual life where you'll be saturated with God's M.E.G. !

Notice what happens when we experience this fountain of life... **it turns us away from the snares of death!**

Fact... we start experiencing God's life so much that the snares of death lose they're power over us and the death they bring is overcome by God's life, hallelujah!

Fact... if we'll start walking in the fear of the Lord, the source of life and blessing saturates us and the power of sin and death is broken over us!

Jn 4 woman at well-

Let's look at another blessing that touches our spiritual life...

a) **Psa 85:9** Surely His salvation *is* near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

b) His salvation- freedom, deliverance, provision and protection is near, neighborly, next to those who fear Him.

Result... so that His glory may dwell in our land... fear leads to salvation and blessing, which leads to the manifest Presence of God Himself dwelling in our midst.

Beautiful ... God says fear Me and you'll not only get my blessings, you'll get Me!

That helps explain why fear leads to everything we want in life, we get God's glory in our midst and God's gifts, graces and goodness in addition!