

Promises Not Panic Day 30 4/24/2020

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

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

Fearing the LORD- Psalm 34, **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...

Today- how the mercy and compassion of God are connected to the fear of God.

a) **Psa 103:10-17** He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him...

Notice- little words have a massive impact, “Oh!” passion, “So” connection.

a) As the heavens high above the earth- So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. **How high?** Inestimable, incomprehensible, inconceivable!

Fact- we cannot comprehend how high the mercy of the LORD is on those who fear Him! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!

b) As far as the east is from the west- So far has He removed our transgressions from us. **How far is east from west?** Incalculable!

Fact- every step you take in either direction to get closer to the other direction, you get farther from the other.

c) As a father pities His children- So the Lord pities us. **How much pity?**
Inexhaustible!

Fact- any healthy, normal parent is going to be eternally compassionate to their hurting, sinful, wayward child- think Prodigal son.

Why? He remembers our frame is dust, days like grass, fading flower- FRAILITY!

Important- I know who I am in Christ, all the promises and power of new identity, but from God's perspective, He knows on our best day we are not above needing His mercy, and on our worst day we are not disqualified from needing mercy.

Look- God connects His eternity with our frailty- yes we are dust, grass and a fading flower BUT the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him!

Fact- our frailty doesn't limit His eternity. His everlasting conquers our ever diminishing.

What I don't like about mercy- means I've hurt God, hurt others, hurt myself. I wish I didn't need the mercy of God- but I do- every day, in every way. I'm grateful His mercies are new every morning! Get some. Don't let yesterdays failures keep you from today's mercy!

Communion-

Prayer-

Share- BOW- Pray!!!