

Fear God

Acts 10:2-A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. (KJV)

Keeping the Final Judgement by the Lord in mind keeps the focus on the Kingdom. Thoughts and actions are best weighed against the Lord God's commandments. Sincerely practicing love of God and love of neighbor are of primary importance. The forgiveness of others and seeking God's forgiveness are necessary every day. Each day is to be used well to prepare for Christ's return and Final Judgement. Having fear of God is fully compatible with loving the Lord God and neighbor.

Acts 10:22-And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. (KJV)

Daily sins and less than pleasing behavior are known and visible to the Lord God. Words and actions of daily life form the believer's record for the Final Judgement. While time remains in life, repentance and beseeching God's mercy are essential. The immediate present is the time to restore the healthy relationship with God. The immediate present is the time to have healthy personal daily relationships. Fearing God and preparing well for the Final Judgement puts life into perspective.

Acts 13:16-Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. (KJV)

The time of Christ's glorious Second Coming and Final Judgement are not known. The remaining time of earthly life for each believer is known only to the Lord God. The time of life comes once and is to be used wisely according to God's way. Believers do well not to procrastinate in repenting and seeking God's mercy. God's Holy Church fosters and encourages repentance throughout earthy life. Being well-prepared for the Final Judgement is the expectation for every believer.

Acts 13:26-Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

(KJV)

The Lord's love and mercy restore wholeness to the sincerely repentant believer. God's forgiveness corresponds with the believer forgiving others in daily life. The joy of the Heavenly Kingdom and life eternal await believers fearing God. Nourishment exists within God's Holy Church to strengthen believers' efforts. The Lord God gives daily directions for the journey to the Heavenly Kingdom. Being prayerfully connected with the Lord keeps the believer ready for judgement.

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