“The Fear of the Lord” Pt. I

Intro: Following the 14th chapter where the ________ of the Lord is directly referred three times we come now to the 15th chapter where the fear of the Lord is twice spoken of. It is obvious that God the Holy Spirit desires to instill in us the holy need to fear the Lord and the necessary relationship between the fear of the Lord and ____________ wisdom.

A. To receive the wisdom of Proverbs is to embrace ____________, being conformed to His image as we depend upon Him by His grace to ____________ us.

I. God our Father by His Holy Spirit through His servant Solomon instructs us in ____________ wisdom.

A. This is Christ’s call to us: let the Holy Spirit bear His fruit in us so that by speaking what is good for the edification of all we will turn away wrath and ____ ____ ____________.

B. The _________ know and are ________________ by the omniscience and omnipresence of our Almighty Father.

C. The wise speak for the ________________ of others while the wicked speak destructively. Let us remember that we belong to Christ and it is ours to spread the glory of Christ by seasoning our words with ____________.

D. Be wise for ____________ knows best! Receive His reproof and His ____________ will be at work in you.

E. The wise open their home to God and His blessings by ____________ ____________ the righteousness of ____________ Christ.

F. ________ is delighted in and ________________ the righteous as they pray and pursue righteousness!

G. Be wise! Love the Father! Do not forsake the way of the Lord, love His reproof, open your heart before Him, go to Him now while it is still day. ____________ is ______ ________ of salvation.

H. Be wise and ____________ the joy of the Lord or reject the joy that is found in His being and be broken. Choose ____________ whom you will serve!
I. Be wise and ______ the true knowledge of ______ for the Word says, “Seek and you will find!” (Matt. 7:7)

J. The wise, having sought and found the true knowledge of God are blessed by Him and in that they view their life through Him. Having set their minds on things above where ____________ is seated at the right hand of the Father, they see their life and the passing circumstances from heaven’s ______________ view.

K. Be wise and fear the Lord and fear the Lord and be wise, and you will have found the greatest of treasures: the Lord Jesus Christ! And in knowing Christ you will be continually and never-endingly surrounded by His love, learning as did the Apostle Paul to _____ _______________ in whatever the circumstances are, whether you have little or much, rejoicing _____ ______ ______ greatly, doing all things through Christ who strengthens us. Be content in the Lord! Fear Him!

Finally then: Considering the Proverbs it is unequivocal: it is of _______ and _________ that God the Holy Spirit breathed these words upon Solomon, and not in the harshness of legalism. Perfect love casts out the fear of punishment that legalism produces, and instills the reverent fear of God produced by the love and grace of God, which is the foundation for divine _____________.

A. But how do we make the transition from fear of punishment to the proper fear of God? John 3:16-18a, “For _____ so loved the world, that He ________ His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 “He who believes in Him is not judged; …”

And when we come to Christ believing in Him, then it will be said of us, 2 Cor 5:17-18a, “Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, …”

Beloved, “Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor 1:24b). Here is the wisdom of God: Acts 16:31a, " ____________ in the Lord _________, and you shall be saved, …"

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