

## FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Oakridge Community Church

Questions for Consideration and Discussion

### Introduction:

1. Information about the Preacher – 12:9-10
2. The nature and source of the book's wisdom – 12:11-12
  - a. Psalm 80:1; 23:1
  - b. John 10:11
3. The final word – 12:13-14

### I. THE NATURE OF THE FEAR OF GOD

- A. Proverbs 29:25
- B. 1 John 4:18
- C. Ecclesiastes 12:13
- D. Having a supreme regard for God
  1. Such that His existence controls our lives
  2. Such that His character controls our lives
    - a. Proverbs 8:13; 14:2
    - b. 2 Corinthians 7:1
    - c. 1 Peter 2P 2:17
  3. Such that His will controls our lives – 12:13
- E. Hebrews 12:28-29; Deuteronomy 10:12

### II. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FEAR OF GOD

- A. Ecclesiastes 12:1
- B. Genesis 1:17

### III. THE URGENCY OF THE FEAR OF GOD 12:14

- A. Initial urgency – Matthew 11:24; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; John 3:36
- B. Ongoing urgency
  1. Hebrews 12:28-29
  2. Romans 8:1
  3. Romans 5:10, 3

### Conclusion

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1. As we have journeyed through Ecclesiastes, have you heard it as the word of the Preacher or as the Word of the Lord? Who is the original, ultimate source of the wisdom found here? How should this affect how we view what we read in Ecclesiastes?
2. Do you have elements in your life that are not being shaped by the Shepherd's wisdom? What are they? What will you do about those elements?
3. Having heard this message on the fear of the Lord, has your understanding of it changed? In what ways? How would you describe the fear of God now, giving Scripture to support your statements?
4. How has the fear of man been a snare in your life? In what ways does the fear of man compare or contrast with the fear of the Lord?
5. Do you sense the purposefulness, meaningfulness and freedom found in fearing God and keeping His commands? Why is this the case? Why is this exciting?
6. How does the realization that God will bring every act to judgment impact you? How can a person be safe in the judgment? What will the issue be at the judgment seat for those who are safe? How does this motivate you?
7. What you have seen in Ecclesiastes that particularly leads you to fear God?