

Are we closer to the Lord than ever before?

How well do we know Jesus?

Newly Wed Game

A classic moment from the ABC era had a husband recalling an experience where he, knowing that his wife hated spiders, put a rubber spider in the shower where she was, making her run out of the shower. The wife then said, "This was before we were married!" just before realizing what she had revealed on national television.

When Eubanks asked a wife how many decades old her mother-in-law was, the wife answered that she had no idea what a decade was, and so she guessed ten. When her husband came out and was asked the same question, he also had no idea what a decade was, but miraculously guessed ten as well! Strange Minds Think Alike.

Similarly, in the 1960s/1970s edition, Bob asked the wives, "After your wedding, would your husband say he did or did not carry you over the threshold?". One wife, an elderly woman named Florence, answered, "He didn't because he couldn't!"

Text: [Jhn 14:8-9 KJV] 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

[Jhn 14:8-9 NLT] 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"

Introduction

Phillip Lost Heart Control. He either didn't know or forgot who Jesus was

Do you believe in Jesus, the Messiah?

The World and Some Who call themselves Christians have No Fear of God

The Downward Spiral. No fear of God brings disobedience and Disobedience brings Curses

Phillip Either didn't know Jesus as he should, or he Forgot

John 14:9 ... "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am?"

If you don't know who Jesus is, how can you do the work of the Lord?

Did Phillip forget Jesus' works?

[Psa 78:11 NKJV] 11 And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

[Psa 106:13 NKJV] 13 They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

The Sons of Eli were raised in church but they did not know the Lord.

[1Sa 2:12 NKJV] 12 Now the sons of Eli [were] corrupt; they did not know the LORD.

Samuel Didn't know the Lord when he started serving him.

[1Sa 3:7-9 NKJV] 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Holy Fear of God

The Lord can take away our breath any time he wants and we will cease to exist in this life. We know he will not do this until the appointed time because he said so. He has the ability to take our breath but that is not part of his character.

How can we do the works of the Lord if we have no fear of the Lord?

Holy Fear of God is a key virtue to be sought.

Key to a full life. Embracing this virtue leads to many possibilities: longer life, give you good health, lead to success and safety, guarantee a noble legacy

Spirit of Fear vs a Holy Fear of God.

[2Ti 1:7 KJV] 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Those Who Believe Fearing God was Only an Old Testament Concept

2 Timothy 1:7 talks of the spirit of fear. Paul was encouraging Timothy not to avoid using his gift from God due to a spirit of fear

[Ecc 12:13 KJV] 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man

[Act 13:16 KJV] 16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with [his] hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience

[Rev 14:7 KJV] 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Holy Fear and Awe

Awe is a combination of reverential respect and fear or wonder. Being in awe of God means having respect for Him, as well as an attitude of worship and admiration. This awe comes from our heart not our mind

Adam and Eve Had a Spirit of Fear.

A Spirit of fear comes from our heart but it is not the same as a fear of God.

Adam and Eve were afraid to meet with God because they sinned. They had something to hide. Being Scared to death of God the creator is not holy fear.

Jacob Left Laban without Telling him because of a Spirit of Fear

[Gen 31:31 KJV] 31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

Phillip is not the only one who forgets. But The Lord is in total control of his creation.

[Hag 1:5-13 KJV] 5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages [to put it] into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, [it came] to little; and when ye brought [it] home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that [is] waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed [from] her fruit. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon [that] which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands. 12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD. 13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I [am] with you, saith the LORD.

Do you believe in Jesus?

[Jhn 14:12 NLT] 12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Jesus always tells the truth.

If you believe in Jesus, you will do the same works He has done and even greater works because he is going to the Father.

How many times have you said to someone, "You can do this!" And in your mind you are thinking, "Now way he can do this!"

Jesus doesn't Waste His Words.

If you believe in Jesus, you will do the same works He has done and even greater works because he is going to the Father.

[Jhn 1:12 KJV] 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name:

The main purpose God answers our prayers when we ask in Jesus Name.

[Jhn 14:13-14 NLT] 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

The World and Some Who call themselves Christians have No Fear of God

Religious Folks

[Mal 2:7-8 NKJV] 7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And [people] should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But you have departed from the

way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts.

No fear of God brings disobedience and Disobedience brings Curses

If you thought Climate Change could be bad. Disobedience Brings Curses to God's people.

[Deu 28:15-25 NLT] 15 "But if you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: 16 Your towns and your fields will be cursed. 17 Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. 18 Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. 19 Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed. 20 "The LORD himself will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in everything you do, until at last you are completely destroyed for doing evil and abandoning me. 21 The LORD will afflict you with diseases until none of you are left in the land you are about to enter and occupy. 22 The LORD will strike you with wasting diseases, fever, and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, and with blight and mildew. These disasters will pursue you until you die. 23 The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as hard as iron. 24 The LORD will change the rain that falls on your land into powder, and dust will pour down from the sky until you are destroyed. 25 "The LORD will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will scatter from them in seven! You will be an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

You cannot do the works of Jesus without Faith in Who Jesus is

[Heb 11:6 NKJV] 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.