

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

2Peter 3:13

Store In My Heart

Psalm 100:3

Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

This verse is in the middle of a psalm of thanksgiving. The idea of the context seems to be rejoice and be thankful unto the Lord. This verse emphasizes that the Lord is God the creator. We have verses in the New Testament that speak in a similar manner.

Certainly we should rejoice and be thankful that the Lord we serve is the same God that brought us into being. Our Lord will care for us as His own. Be thankful to the Lord for He will watch over you. It is also a great reminder that we are not in charge. The Creator controls the creation. We must submit.

Scripture helps us see there is great reason to rejoice and be thankful, especially if we serve the Lord.



HUMILITY NOT PRIDE

Ron Drumm

Where do wars and fights come from? The apostle James answers with a question: *"Do they not come from your desires for pleasures that war in your members?"* (**James 4:1**). Sadly, it is our pride that moves us to lust, covetousness, and even murder. The attitude that causes us to think of others first, and the willingness to even be defrauded prevents arguments and fights from happening. This kind of attitude takes humility.

Christians mistreating each other usually arises because they do not ask God for help. When they do ask God it is not according to God's Will but rather to fulfill their personal pleasures (**James 4:2-3**). It is apparent that those who are fighting and arguing with fellow brethren are in a friendship with the world rather than with God (**James 4:5**). God is jealous for His children when they are being so prideful and involved with worldly ways (**James 4:5**).

James points out that God gives more grace. He then quotes a proverb: *"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble"* to support his assertion that God gives more grace and to whom He gives that grace (**James 4:6, Proverbs 3:34**).

So, what should Christians do when they realize that they have been prideful and worldly in their ways? James offers this advice: *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up"* (**James 4:7-10**).

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Consider the actions we are called upon to take when we find ourselves in the sins of pride and worldliness -- submit to God, resist the devil, draw near to God, cleanse your hands, purify your hearts, lament, mourn, weep, turn laughter to mourning, turn joy to gloom, and humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.

Humility is a powerful and valuable attribute concerning our friendship with God. With humility comes a great promise -- God will lift us up!

Teach The Truth

Gilbert Alexander

For Our Information

The Simpsons are in Star City this weekend.

Bill's brother, John had surgery the middle of last week. He was hoping to go home Friday but was delayed.

Ruben and Brenda Keisler are leaving on a trip near the end of this week.

Tonight we start in 1Kings 15:9.

Wednesday we will start in Titus 2.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

"The faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), "the grace of God that brings salvations" (Titus 2:11), the truth that makes people who follow it free (John 9:31-32) teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12) This world of truth defines sin and righteousness so that we can know how to behave in the way that pleases God. It exposes error and identifies it by name (Matthew 16:12; Titus 1:10-11; 2John 7). It exhorts Christians to put religious teaching to the test of truth, because much false teaching occurs (1John 4:1-6; 2Peter 2:1-22; 2Timothy 3:1-7; 2Thessalonians 2:1-4).

When religious people go "beyond the sacred page," they leave the light of truth and enter a world of speculation with no map to guide them and no light to direct their way. Assumption takes the place of objective, guiding truth; and when assumption rules, everyone's way is right in his own eyes (Judges. 2:11-13; 17:6). Which assumer has any authority to reprove another assumer in his assumptions? But Christians are charged with the duty to reprove, rebuke, and exhort in their teaching the truth; for truth reproves, rebukes, corrects, and exhorts to obedience (2Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 10:25; 1Timothy 4:13; Titus 1:9-11; Romans 6:17-18). The Jewish listeners in Acts 2:22-36 knew that they had been reproved. The convinced ones were then exhorted to obey the gospel (Acts 2:37-38). Do we teach like Peter did that day?



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