

“Love of God + Fear of God = Delight in God”

2 Samuel 6:1-15; Exodus 25:10-22; Numbers 4:1-20; Leviticus 16:1-34

*“Therefore let us be **grateful** for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God **acceptable** worship, with **reverence and awe**, for our God is a **consuming fire**.”*
(Hebrews 12:28-29)

*“The presence of God ought to be **awful**, namely, inspiring wonder and fear.”*

- Love of God – Fear of God = Judgment/Discipline of God (2 Samuel 6:1-9)
 - God had **warned** Israel about how to approach Him: “*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.*” (Hebrews 9:27)
 - God’s warnings are **kind** and **loving** because He wants us to be able to draw near to Him, to **delight** in Him and His mercy by His Word (Luke 13:1-5).
 - God’s discipline of individuals is always for the good of the whole (Acts 5:11; Leviticus 10:1-3). God’s mercy doesn’t change who God is; it gives us access to God as He is. Only coming to God as He is, allows us to delight in God and not become cold and religious.
 - Our God is a God who is Holy, namely, He cannot be trifled with, dishonored, or dealt with casually. The Philistines and the Israelites made the same error, they didn’t treat Yahweh as Holy (2 Samuel 5:20; 6:8).

- Love of God + Fear of God = Delight in God (2 Samuel 6:10-15; 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:3)
 - Obed-Edom was a Levite (1 Chronicles 15:18). This was a sign to David that if he obeyed the Word, the Ark would be a blessing to God’s people, not a curse.
 - David affirmed that the reason that God disciplined/judged Israel was because they didn’t obey Him. God warns us and protects us through His Word. This is why we need the whole counsel of God. “Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.” (Acts 20:26-27; cf. Ezekiel 3:16-21).
 - God is given credit for helping the Levites carry the Ark because they were carrying it according to God’s Word (1 Chronicles 15:26).

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** THIS Sunday will be the last day we will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. For more information about HeartCry and their work around the world, please see the bulletin board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for HeartCry.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are a church member and interested in serving the body by volunteering to serve in the Children's Ministry, we would love to have you join this ministry! We are in need of people who are able to serve on both Thursdays and Sundays! If you have any questions about this ministry or if you are interested in serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, we have a Monthly Men's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, September 9th, at 7am, at The Big Apple Café — Log Pond. Joel Decker needs a headcount by Wednesday, September 6th, in order for everyone to sit together. (You can just show up, but he can't guarantee seats!)

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, August 27th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** On September 11th we will begin our 3rd Semester of "Systematic Theology" and we will be studying, "Evidences and Apologetics" from Dr. John C. Whitcomb who taught Apologetics for 39 years at Grace Theological Seminary. This course will be beneficial for any believer, as we will learn the best method in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will look at different systems of Apologetics and propose the "Presuppositional Method", which is that the Bible is "Self-Authenticating" and is the best method of reaching the lost. The Course will be 7-8 weeks and we will meet on Mondays from 6-9pm, with 10 minute breaks every hour. Everyone is invited to take this Course as an Audit, meaning you will receive a Syllabus, but will not be tested or have any additional requirements except to listen and take notes as desired. If interested, let Elder Richard know so we can have a Syllabus printed for you.

1 Peter 3:15: "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."