"Living in Light of Eternity" (Part 2) Luke 12:4-48 (Luke 12:4-7)

"Biblically, the solution for the fear of man is the fear of God. Yet, in modern Christianity we have banished the fear of God from our churches, pulpits, and our personal lives. This has left us slaves to pleasing/fearing people, that is doing either what pleases ourselves or others and assuming this kind of 'self-love' or 'love for others' pleases God."

"Approval, admiration, praise, and appreciation from men is the closest we get to being gods, which is why we love it so much." — (Marshall Segal)

• The Fear of Man:

- "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe." (Proverbs 29:25)
- "Saul said to Samuel, 'I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice." (1 Samuel 15:24)
- "I tell you My friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do." (Luke 12:4)
- "So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"
 (Hebrews 13:6)
 - **The Weapons of Man Fearing:** Approval, praise, recognition, opportunity, flattery, rejection, criticism, bitterness, hatred, and intimidation.

The Fear of God:

- o "Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord." (Psalm 34:11)
 - The fear of man does not need to be taught to us, the fear of God does.
- "Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity." (Proverbs 28:14)
- "But the LORD of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread." (Isaiah 8:13)
- "Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments." (Psalm 112:1)
- "But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word." (Isaiah 66:2b)
- "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12; cf. 1 Peter 1:17)

The Joyful Fear of God:

- "O LORD, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name...." (Nehemiah 1:11a)
- "Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling." (Psalm 2:11)
- "Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!" (Psalm 31:19)

Worship: Nothing But The Blood — Various Artists

This Is The Day — CityAlight

Announcements:

- ★VOLUNTEERS: The Cleaning Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any guestions about the ministry, please see Krystal.
 - -The Children's Ministry is looking for a few more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are a Church Member and you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the ministry, please see Kalen and Courtney.
- ★<u>CHURCH GAME NIGHT:</u> Our monthly Church Game Night is *TONIGHT* at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board games and card games to play. We also ask that you bring a snack or finger food to share with everyone! We would love for everyone to join us for this time of fun and fellowship!
- ★ANNUAL "4TH OF JULY" COOKOUT: Our annual "4th of July" Cookout is *THIS* Thursday, July 3rd, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron). There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the cookout. We also encourage you to bring yard games to play, and bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- ★BAPTISMS: We are having a Baptism Service **NEXT** Sunday, July 6th. If you are interested in being baptized or have questions about baptism, please see one of the Pastors or Elders.
- ★ <u>COMMUNION</u>: We are celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body *NEXT* Sunday, July 6th.
- ★CANOE/KAYAK TRIP: The co-ed Canoe and Kayak Trip is on Saturday, July 12th, at 11am. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please see Andy Wesney (740)334-6159.
- ★<u>MEMBERS' MEETING:</u> We are having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, July 20th, immediately following the worship service. We will be having a time of discussion on the potential By-Law Additions, as well as voting on the things presented at the June Members' Meeting. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting.