

# Wisdom for Living in Difficult Times

## The Right Kind of Fear

### I. Introduction

#### A. Laws

1. Deut. 6:5 (NAS) *"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

#### B. Promises

1. Romans 8:38 (NLT) *"Nothing can ever separate us from His love."*

#### C. Proverbs

1. Proverbs are catchy descriptions about the way things "generally" are!
2. Prov. 11:25 (NLT) *The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

### II. The Right Kind of Fear

- A. Prov. 9:10 (NAS) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*
- B. Acts. 9:31 (NAS) *So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.*
- C. Rev. 14:6-7 (NAS) *<sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people <sup>7</sup>and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."*
- D. Heb. 12:28-29 (NAS) *<sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.*
- E. Psalm 19:1-6 (NLT) *<sup>1</sup>The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. <sup>2</sup>Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. <sup>3</sup>They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. <sup>4</sup>Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. <sup>5</sup>It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. <sup>6</sup>The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat.*

- F. Isaiah 40:12,15 (NLT) <sup>12</sup>Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale? <sup>15</sup>All the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.
- G. Judges 13:18b (NAS) "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?"
- H. Rom. 8:38-39 (NAS) <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### III. Conclusion

**Next Weekend's Message:**

**5/1-2/2010 "Why is the Vineyard Unique?" (Grand Opening weekend)**