

What the Grace of God teaches

- *For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; Titus 2:11-14*
- Do we know what we are denying when speaking of ungodliness?
- Do we know if we are living godly in this present world.

Definitions – Limited Help

- *eusebeia*... denotes the **piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him...**” (Vine, Vol 2 p. 162; 2150).
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- *eusebes*... **from eu, well, sebomia to reverence,** the root *seb-* signifies **sacred awe, reverence or awe well directed...** the **energy** which, **directed by holy awe of God, finds expression in devoted activity...**” (Vine Vol 1, p. 308)

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Sacred Awe

Here is Rebekah before you let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken." 52 when Abraham's servant heard their words, he **worshiped** the Lord, bowing to the earth. Gen 24:51-53

when they heard that the Lord had visited Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they **bowed their heads** and **worshiped**. Ex 4:31

So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua **fell on his face to the earth and worshiped**, Josh 5:14

when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that **he worshiped**. Judg 7:15

Godliness

What we can gain from a powerful experience must be kept and incorporated into our daily life.

As the deer pants for the water, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? Ps 42:1-2

Godliness

- *Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103:1-5*
- We have to “count our blessings”
- remember what God has done to hold our awe.

Godliness

- *O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. 4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. Ps 63:1-4*
- Keeping God in our thoughts.
- Seeing in God “every good and perfect gift.”

Sacred Awe & Reverence

- It was this reverence that God sought from Moses on their first meeting:
- *Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Ex 3:5*
- Godliness keeps God's people from become lax
- It leads us to continually fear, reverence and hold God in awe.
- No matter how many years we serve, the truly godly never lose this respect, fear, and awe.

Moses Never Forgot

- *And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.’” So Aaron held his peace. Lev 10:3*
- It is what Abel had and Cain did not.
- It is the foundation of a “*love for the truth*” and a “*trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*”
- Power, Majesty and Greatness of God weighing on our minds 24 hours a day; 7 days a week

Godliness is also Looking Forward

- *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 **Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in (all) holy living and godliness,? 2 Pet 3:10-12***

Attitudes Enhancing Godliness

- *But godliness with contentment is great gain: 7 for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; 8 but having food and covering we shall be therewith content. 1Tim. 6:5-8*
- *exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 1Tim 4:7-10*

Those who Exercised

- Abraham My friend forever Isa. 41:8
- David man after My own heart 1Sam. 13:14
- I speak to Moses face to face Ex. 33:11
- Daniel you are greatly beloved Dan. 9:23
- I have no one like him on the earth Job 1:8
- My beloved Son I am well pleased Mt. 17:5
- Meek and quiet spirit precious in His sight Pet 3:3-6
- With proper exercise we can join them!

The Foundation of Godliness

- *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 1 Peter 1:13-18*