

Adding on our Part Ladder or Garden

<i>love</i>
<i>brotherly kindness</i>
<i>godliness</i>
<i>perseverance</i>
<i>self-control</i>
<i>knowledge</i>
<i>virtue</i>
<i>faith</i>

Virtue	Knowledge
Self Control	Perseverance
Godliness	Brotherly Kindness
Love	

To Perseverance – Godliness

- English term that has no meaning outside the Bible
- *eusebeia*... from **eu, well**, and **seboimai, to be devout**, denotes the **piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him...**” (Vine, Vol 2 p. 162; 2150).
- *eusebeia*... *reverence, respect*; in the Bible **piety towards God, godliness...**”(Thayer, 262; 2150)
- What do these things mean? How do we add this?

Godliness

- *eusebes*... **from *eu*, well, *sebomia* to reverence**, the root *seb-* signifying *sacred awe*, describes ***reverence exhibited especially in actions, reverence or awe well directed***... the *energy* which, *directed by holy awe of God, finds expression in devoted activity*... In the NT it is used of a pious attitude towards God, Acts 10:2,7...”
(Vine Vol 1, p. 308)

Godliness

- Piety characterized by a Godward attitude.
- Seeking how to be well-pleasing to Him
- *reverence, respect;*
- *sacred awe, reverence exhibited in actions,*
- **Godliness** changes responsibility, duty and obligation into an exciting challenge. Into the pleasure and joy of pleasing someone we love.

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

- Idolatry and godliness have this 1 thing in common
- It illustrates a sacred awe, fear and respect.
- We call it superstition
- # 13, walking under a ladder, lucky rabbit's foot, fear of a graveyard at night.
- The more superstitious are incapacitated by this sacred awe in these situations.
- It is the essence of what is considered taboo, and which leads us to draw back with a powerful emotional response of fear, dread and awe.
- What we squander on idols can be used in the right way for God in the "sared awe: oif godliness.

The Foundation of Godliness

- *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

- *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*

Godliness

*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*

sacred awe

reverence exhibited in actions

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*

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.

Godliness

- Godliness is the perfect blending of
- Gratitude
- Fear
- Reverence
- Love
- Devotion
- Trust
- Honor
- Submission
- Worship

The Roots 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*

It is 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; 13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works. Titus 2:11-14*

Godliness

- *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, 12 looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 2 Pet 3:10-12*

Sacred Awe

- It is always easier to do the things when we enjoy, feel excited about doing, and are looking forward to doing with anticipation.
- It is a pleasure to do the things we excel at, enjoy, take delight in.
- *Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. Ps 119:97-100*

Godliness will Enhance Service

- It is the Root cause: The Reason for All!
- All Service is enhanced
- All Repentance is more Powerful
- All Worship is more sincere & reverent
- All Prayers more heartfelt.
- All Songs with melody in the Heart
- All Acts of Service done with Zeal
- Faithfulness is Absolute and Unbreaking.

- *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*
2 Cor 4:18