

Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

Our Attitude Towards GOD MATTERS

(Acts 17:22-32)



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- Stanford Research Institute reports that only 12.5 percent of our success in life is determined by knowledge; the other 87.5 percent comes from attitude. More than skill, knowledge, or aptitude, our attitude dictates our success in life.
- This lesson is NOT about promoting a “positive mental attitude” approach to life, but rather a balanced, informed, and godly approach to life.

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Acts 17:22–32 (NKJV)

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

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Acts 17:22–32 (NKJV)

²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

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Acts 17:22–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,
³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this *matter*.”

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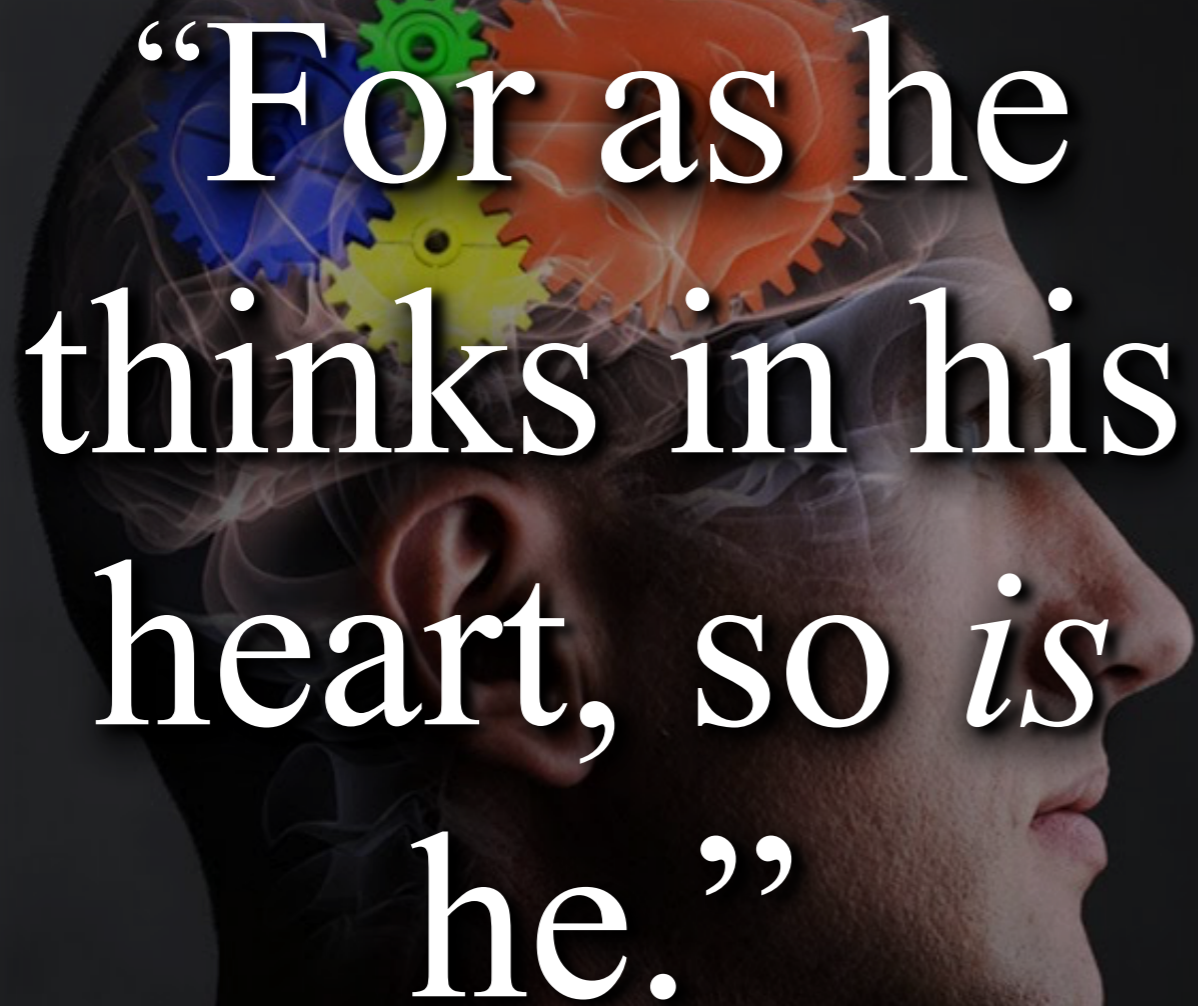


Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"

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“For as he
thinks in his
heart, so *is*
he.”

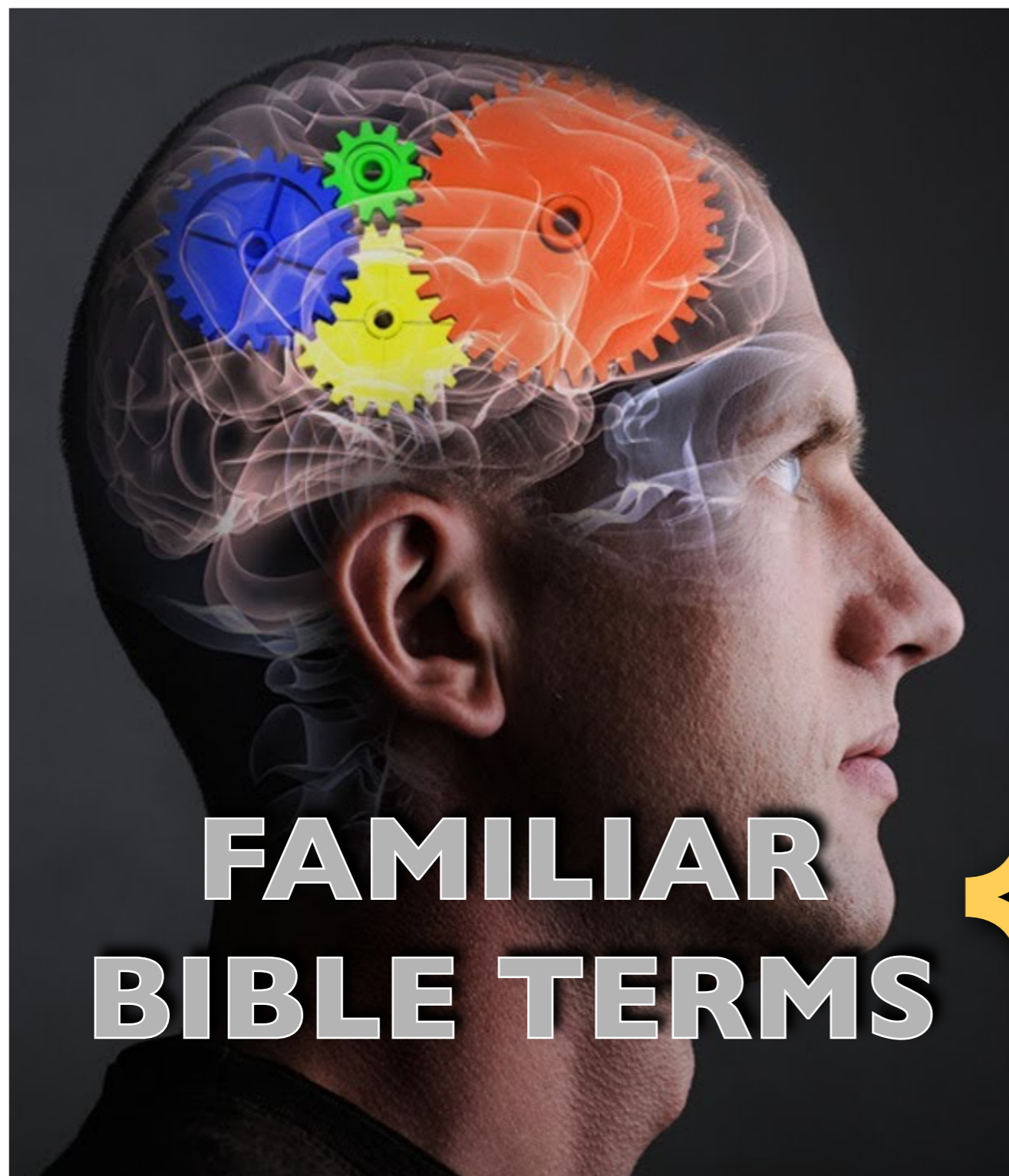
Proverbs 23:7

Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.

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**FAMILIAR
BIBLE TERMS**

Mindset

Perspective

Disposition

Spirit

Mind

Godliness

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- **MUST LEARN OF HIM** : “Him I proclaim to you” (23)
- **HIS POWER**: “made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth” (24)
- **HIS NATURE**: “does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything” (24,25, 29)
- **HIS PROVISIONS**: “He gives to all life, breath, and all things.” (25)
- **HIS AUTHORITY**: “determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.” (26)

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- **HIS DESIRE** : “that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (27)
- **HE MADE US**: “in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring’” (28)
- **HIS DEMANDS** : “now commands all men everywhere to repent” (30)
- **HIS JUDGMENT** : “He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained ...” (31)

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FEAR / REVERENCE / AWE

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

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Psalm 111:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.
His praise endures forever.

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. ¹⁴
For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.

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**BECAUSE OF
WHO HE IS**

Psalm 89:7–11 (NKJV)

⁷ God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him. ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, Who *is* mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. ¹⁰ You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. ¹¹ The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

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**BECAUSE OF
WHO HE IS**

**BECAUSE OF
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Psalm 100:2–4 (NKJV)

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with
singing. ³ Know that the Lord, *He is*
God; *It is He who* has made us, and
not we ourselves; *We are* His
people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴ Enter into His gates with
thanksgiving, *And* into His courts
with praise. Be thankful to Him,
and bless His name.

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*cf. Romans 5:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10;
Hebrews 9:27*

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**BECAUSE OF
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**BECAUSE OF HIS
LOVE & MERCY**

Romans 3:9, 23 (NKJV)

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ... ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Psalms 111:9 (NKJV)

⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

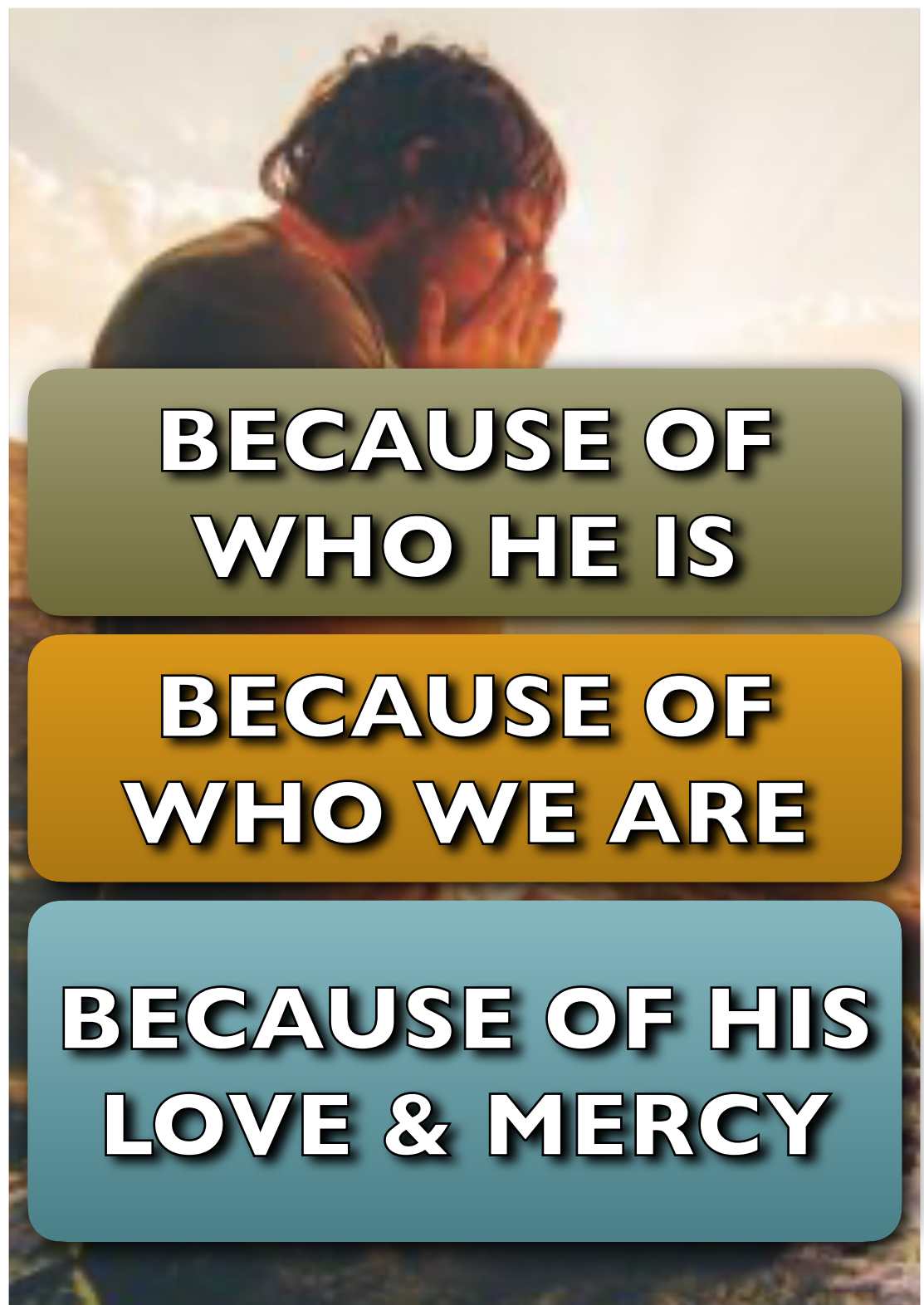
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Romans 5:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.



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Titus 3:3–5 (NKJV)

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

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**HIS GRACIOUS
GIFT DOES NOT
CANCEL OUR
OBLIGATION TO
HOLD HIM IN
REVERENCE!**

**IF WE DO NOT
REVERENCE HIM
IN OUR SERVICE
TO HIM, WE WILL
BE DESTROYED!**

FEAR / REVERENCE / AWE

Hebrews 12:28–29 (NKJV)

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire.

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**IF WE FEAR GOD
WE WILL
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WORD!**

Psalm 119:38 (NKJV)

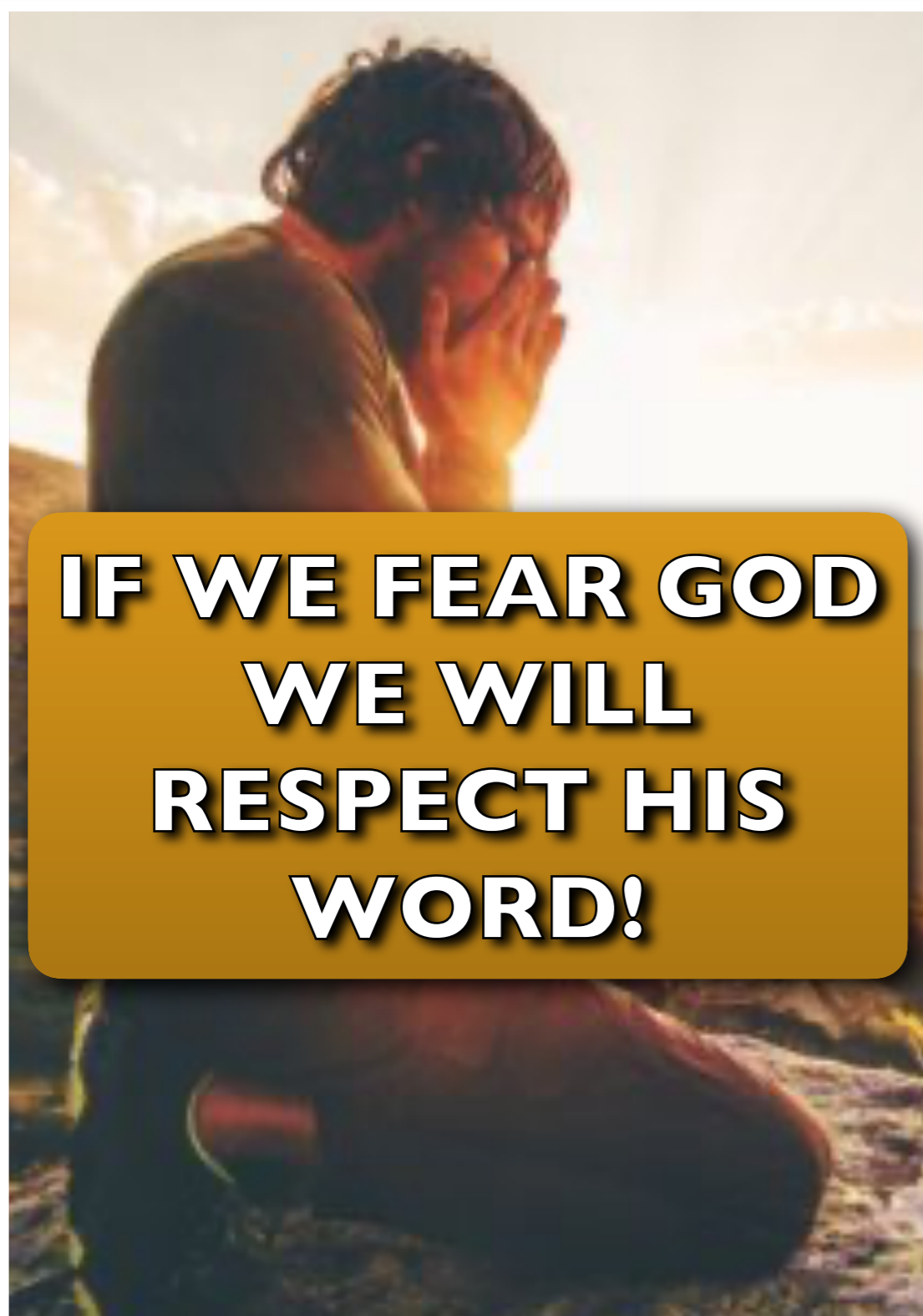
³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant, Who *is devoted* to fearing You.

Psalm 119:161 (NKJV)

¹⁶¹ Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

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**IF WE FEAR GOD
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WORD!**

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■ **Our respect for God and His Word, (or lack thereof) will affect our:**

- ▶ Desire to know and understand what God has said!
- ▶ Our diligence in learning and understanding what God has said!
- ▶ Our acceptance and adherence to what He has said!
- ▶ Our approach to the need for divine authority in all we do (Mat. 21:25; Col. 3:17)

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LOVE / OBEY

Matthew 22:37–38 (NKJV)

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ ‘*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*’ ” ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.

Mark 12:29–30 (NKJV)

²⁹ Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is*: ‘*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.*’ ” ³⁰ *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*’ This is the first commandment.



LOVE

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1 John 5:2–3 (NKJV)

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

2 John 6 (NKJV)

⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

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John 14:15,23,24 (NKJV)

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

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LOVE

OBEY

**IF WE LOVE GOD
WE WILL HIS
WORD HIS PEOPLE
& THE LOST**

LOVE / OBEY

Psalms 119:97 (NKJV)

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

John 13:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Matthew 22:39 (NKJV)

³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

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TRUST / OBEY

Hebrews 6:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. ¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ...

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Hebrews 11:6,13 (NKJV)

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

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TRUST / OBEY

James 2:14–17 (NKJV)

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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James 2:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

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James 2:21–24 (NKJV)

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*” And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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NOAH - Gen 6,7

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TRUST / OBEY

- **Fear / anxiety**
(Mt. 6:25-33; 8:23-27)
- **Temptation / Sin**
(Eph. 6:16; Heb. 11:24-34)
- **Discouragement**
(2 Cor. 4:7-17)
- **The world**
(1 John 5:4)



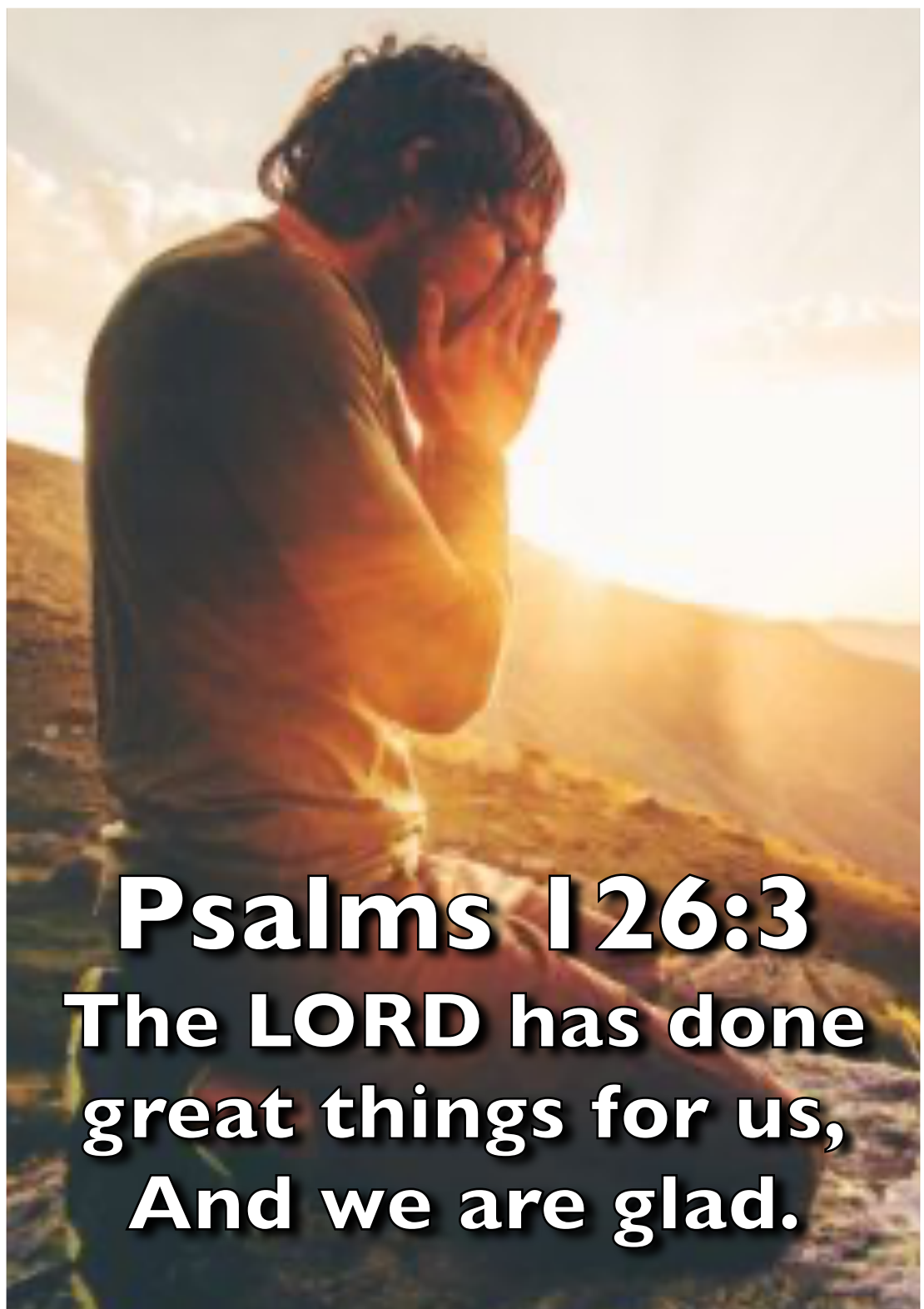
**FAITH / TRUST
ENABLES US TO
OVERCOME**

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GRATITUDE

- In all we do in compliance with the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17)
- “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20)
- “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6)
- “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thes. 5:18)



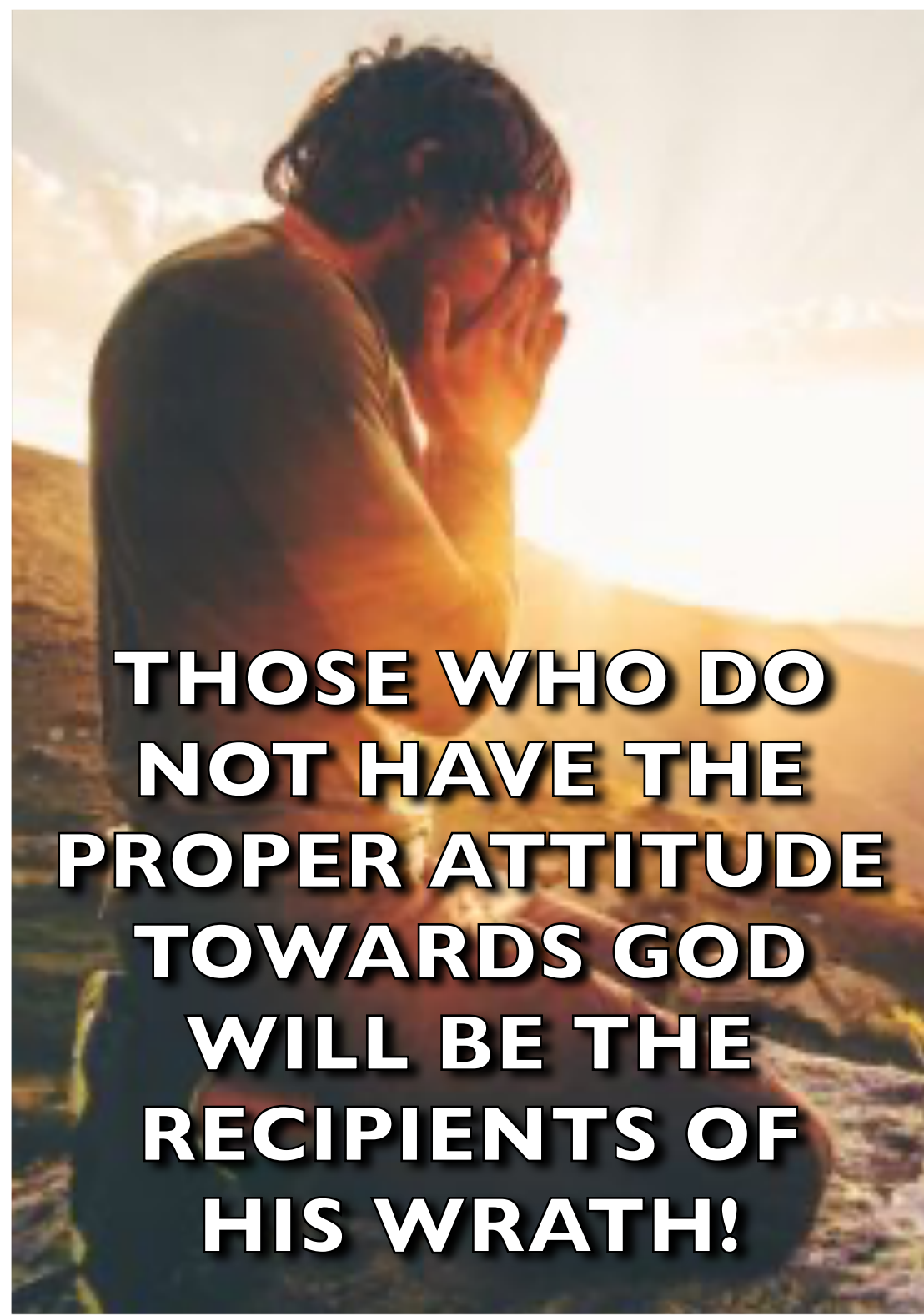
Psalms 126:3
The LORD has done
great things for us,
And we are glad.

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Romans 1:18–21 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.



**THOSE WHO DO
NOT HAVE THE
PROPER ATTITUDE
TOWARDS GOD
WILL BE THE
RECIPIENTS OF
HIS WRATH!**

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A person is kneeling on a rocky, uneven terrain, possibly a hillside or mountain. They are wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. Their hands are clasped in front of their face, and their head is bowed, suggesting a posture of prayer or deep contemplation. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape under a warm, golden light, likely from a setting or rising sun. The overall mood is one of solitude and spiritual reflection.

GRATITUDE

TRUSTING OBEDIENCE

LOVING SUBMISSION

FEAR / REVERENCE / AWE

(Ephesians 4:17-32)



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In order to be pleasing to God, we must have an attitude of complete trust & surrender.

DO WE HAVE AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD THAT PROMOTES A LIVING FAITH?

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Psalm 78:1–8 (NKJV)

¹ Give ear, O my people, *to* my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide *them* from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶ That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, ⁷ That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; ⁸ And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.