

**“The Beginning of Wisdom”**  
Isaiah 8:5-8; 11-15; 11:1-9  
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**Introduction:**

Fear of the Lord is: a deep \_\_\_\_\_ for God for which we were created,  
that \_\_\_\_\_ our lives and brings \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

1) **Jesus knew about his own** \_\_\_\_\_.

2) **Jesus also knew what would happen to his nation because it** \_\_\_\_\_ **God.**

<sup>41</sup>As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup>and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls.

Luke 19:41-44a,b

3) **Jesus knew that the most important issues are** \_\_\_\_\_.

They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Luke 19:44c,d

**I. Individually and as a nation, we make** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 8:6**

“steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth.”

Jer 9:23,24

**II. We choose what we** \_\_\_\_\_.

**8:12-14**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Prov 9:10

<sup>44</sup>"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.

<sup>5</sup>But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Luke 12:4,5

**III. What is \_\_\_\_\_ about the fear of the Lord? What does it \_\_\_\_\_ like?**

1) Makes me like \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Makes me a \_\_\_\_\_ person

<sup>25</sup>He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27

**5 Traits of civilizations in decline:**

- 1) a sense of \_\_\_\_\_: stop believing in morality and yield to their impulses;
- 2) fall into \_\_\_\_\_: avoid their problems by retreating into distraction & entertainment;
- 3) sense of \_\_\_\_\_: people think they have no control over their lives;
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_: look down on themselves b/c of their immorality; &
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_: (not only sex, but also): ppl accept anything & everything,

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. <sup>31</sup> So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."

Ezek 22:30,31