

The Royal Law and Spiritual Self-Esteem: Biblical Worldview Necessary to Endure Providential Preventive Suffering; Understanding God Results in Personal Love for Him

VI. The Royal Law and Spiritual Self-Esteem:

1. The biblical worldview is necessary for the believer to be able to endure testing for blessing. Confidence in God and confidence in His Word, give the believer confidence in utilizing the assets of the divine power system.
2. Self-respect is a disposition of mind that the unbeliever can develop by compliance with the laws of divine establishment. The source of human self-respect is based on an individual's orientation to standards imposed by society and is subjective.
3. Spiritual self-esteem is based on the development of reciprocal love for God. This disposition of soul develops confidence based not on one's own standards but rather on the standards imposed by the Word of God and is objective.
4. Compliance with divine standards establishes a personal relationship with God based on divine viewpoint rather than human viewpoint.
5. Personal love for God is developed in the soul of the believer as he acquires knowledge of the divine attributes. The totality of Who and what God is, is revealed in almost every verse of Scripture.
6. The power of doctrine is the evidence of divine attributes that support each of them. The totality of biblical doctrines interlocks to form a tapestry of divine revelation to man and expresses the full essence of God.
7. To acquire knowledge of God is to understand His essence and understanding His essence results in reciprocal love for Him.
8. The realization that God is real, that you are in His plan, and that His purpose is to include you in His victory in the Invisible War, results in spiritual self-esteem.
9. The advance to the sophisticated spiritual life requires devotion to the advance which has as its top priority the consistent daily inculcation of biblical ideas.
10. There is no such thing as a quick study of the Bible. You can read it for pleasure but to uncover its treasures of wisdom and knowledge you must avail yourself to the expository, explanatory, and exegetical teaching of a pastor-teacher in a local church setting.
11. Not all have the availability of face-to-face teaching so they must rely on electronic means of growing in grace, the twenty-first century problem-solving device for those who are stationed in the jornada.
12. But for there to be electronic teaching there must be a local church. It is the approved arrangement for spiritual growth in the Church Age. Whatever the physical configuration of the meeting place, believers gather to be instructed by a pastor whose duty is to study and teach.
13. There is a dynamic that exists between the pastor and his congregation which encourages both parties. This dynamic is an energy that is exchanged by means of the filling of the Holy Spirit: the pastor's power to communicate and the parishioner's power to inculcate what he hears.

14. The advance enjoyed by those who assemble leads to spiritual self-esteem, function in the sophisticated spiritual life, and reciprocal love for God.
15. This advance results in the accumulation of wisdom that is God-centered instead of man-centered. This explains the clear difference between a biblical worldview and a secular worldview.
16. It is this disposition that looks at the world and life through the prism of biblical wisdom rather than human viewpoint. This wisdom must be tested for application under pressure, therefore, the believer will be asked to confront providential preventive suffering.