

# MARCH 7

“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord..” - 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” - Proverbs 9:10

I don't understand your ways  
Oh, but I will give you my song  
Give you all of my praise  
You hold on to all my pain  
With it you are pulling me closer  
And pulling me into your ways

Now, around every corner  
And up every mountain  
I'm not looking for crowns  
Or the water from fountains  
I'm desperate in seeking, frantic believing  
That the sight of your face  
Is all that I needed  
I will say to you  
It's gonna be worth it  
Gonna be worth it all - Rita Springer

## The Fear of the Lord

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...” - 2 Corinthians 5:10

There is a day coming when each one of us will stand before the Lord. There in the blazing presence of the Holy One, our lives will be fully exposed. In that moment we will give an account...an account of how we have lived and for whom we lived.

If you live your life in the light of that Day, your life takes on a different direction and purpose. One of the greatest gifts is the revelation of the Judgment Seat of Christ. That revelation is the New Testament definition of the fear of the Lord.

How should we live? John Piper, in his book, “Don’t Waste Your Life,” said, “But whatever you do, find the God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated passion of your life, and find your way to say it and live for it and die for it. And you will make a difference that lasts. You will not waste your life.”

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## Meditate on Matthew 25:31-46

### Proclamations and Prayer

“Father, in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit would you give me an eternal perspective of my life. I know that it is not just how I begin but how I finish that is the most important. I do not want to waste my life! I want to finish my course and finish it well for Your honor and glory. Enable me to run my race to the end. In Jesus’ name, Amen!