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BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Roadmap to Renewal

Rest Stop 3 • Psalm 103:11, 13, 17-18, 20-22

➤ The ***Roadmap for Renewal*** in ***Psalm 103*** has three rest stops.

Rest Stop #1 How Does Renewal Begin?
Count Your Blessings: *REMEMBER* *what* the LORD has done!

Rest Stop #2 How Does Renewal Grow?
Know Your God: *REFLECT* on *who* the LORD is!

Rest Stop #3 What Does Renewal Enable?
Fear the LORD: RESOLVE to keep on doing His will!

True renewal enables us to keep on doing His will with all that is within us!

Three Resolutions of the Renewed

1. I Will FEAR the LORD Above All Else. *(vv. 11, 13, 17)*

❖ Why is it so important to fear the LORD?

(11-12) Only those who fear Him *receive* His **MERCY** and **FORGIVENESS**!

(13-14) Only those who fear Him *receive* His **PITY** and **COMPASSION**!

(17-18) Only those who fear Him *receive* His **ETERNAL SECURITY** and **GODLY LEGACY**!

WARNING: The point is ***not earning*** these things by our ***performance but receiving*** them with the proper ***posture!***

Ps. 34:7 The Fear of the LORD receives His **PROTECTION**!
"The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them."

Ps. 34:9 The Fear of the LORD receives His **PROVISION**!
"Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him."

Ps. 85:9 The Fear of the LORD receives His **PRESENCE**!
"Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Ps. 102:15 The Fear of the LORD receives His **PURPOSES**!
"So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory."

Ps. 130:4 The Fear of the LORD receives His **PROMISES**!
"But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared."

❖ What is the fear of the LORD?

FLIGHT	➤ **FEAR OF GOD** ➤	**FAITH**
Run from Him in Disobedience to Be Condemned!	He is the LORD! Holy, Just, Merciful Forgiving, Sovereign	Run to Him in Obedience to Be Cleansed!
1Peter 1:17		***Acts 9:31***

- The godly respond to His attributes *by* **RUNNING** *to Him with a humble faith that follows hard after Him.* *Psalm 103:8; 34:18-22*

Keep On Keeping On: FEAR the LORD Above All Others!

2. I Will GIVE the LORD All that I Am. *(vv. 1, 22b)*

He gives **ALL** *that He is for us, so we can give* **ALL** *that we are for Him!*

- The godly respond to His blessings by **GIVING THEMSELVES** to Him totally. *2Corinthians 5:14-15; Romans 12:1-2*

Keep On Keeping On: Give the LORD Your Best BEFORE All Others!

GIVE JESUS YOUR BEST & FIRST	On a DAILY Basis	On a WEEKLY Basis	On a QUARTERLY Basis	On a YEARLY Basis
In TIME				
In TREASURE				
In TALENTS				
In THINKING				

3. I Will OBEY the LORD in All Things. *(v. 18)*

- The godly respond to His **LORDSHIP** *by obeying Him daily.*

Trust and Obey for There's **NO OTHER WAY** to Be Renewed.
"Keep His covenant and remember His commandments to do them."

Keep On Keeping On: OBEY the LORD in All Things *Great and Small!*

The Fear of the LORD Transforms Our* REST STOPS *into* PIT STOPS *for Fulfilling Our God-Given Purpose in Life.

"He who made all, rules all, and both by a word of power. He disposes all persons and things to His own glory. There is a world of holy angels who are ever praising Him. Let all his works praise Him. Such would have been our constant delight, if we had not been fallen creatures. Such it will in a measure become, if we are born of God. Such it will be forever in heaven; nor can we be perfectly happy till we can take unwearied pleasure in perfect obedience to the will of our God. And let the feeling of each redeemed heart be, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul.'" - *Matthew Henry*

Keep On Keeping On with the Triune God...

- ☐ I will keep on ***fearing*** (trusting) God the Father above all others.
- ☐ I will keep on ***giving*** myself to God the Son totally.
- ☐ I will keep on ***obeying*** in all things by God the Spirit – *great and small!*

"The people of God find themselves between two poles of fellowship with God.
They affirm loyalty and trust in the Lord, and they confess their failure in being faithful to him." – Willem A. VanGemeren