

**Are you known for your fear of the Lord
and your love for others?**

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Introduction

“better”

“than”

“Better...Than” Wisdom of the Old Testament

1. Our relationship with the Lord

1 Samuel 15:22

2. Our station in life

Proverbs 16:8; 16:19; 25:6-7

3. Our relationship with the Lord and mankind

Psalms 118:8-9

4. The Word of God

Psalms 119:72

5. The Value of Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-14

6. Our relationships with others

Proverbs 17:1; 21:9; 21:19, Eccl. 4:9; 4:13

7. Our character

Proverbs 28:6; 19:22, Eccl. 4:6

Two Better Thans

1. When wealth is accompanied by turmoil

a. Better is a little with the fear of the LORD...

b. ...Than great treasure with trouble.

Principle – Fearing God, whatever your financial status, gives peace.

Principle – Wealth, without the fear of the Lord, brings turmoil.

Principle – Holiness is better than wealth.

Observations – (Matthew Henry)

1. It is often the lot of those who fear God to have but a little of this world.
2. Often the abundance of the rich will not suffer them to sleep.
3. You can have wealth and the fear of the Lord.
4. It is better to have little and fear the Lord.

Conclusion – It is better to have little and fear the Lord than to have great wealth and live without God in the world.

2. When wealth is accompanied by hatred

a. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is...

b. ...Than a fatted calf with hatred.

Are you known for your fear of the Lord and your love for others?

What is your reputation?

Whatever our circumstance in life, our lives should be guided by -

1. The fear of the Lord
2. Love for others

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery