It so good to be home. As much as Carol and I enjoy getting away and catching up on all our reading, it is still always good to be home. It has been fun to come back and see the progress on the building. We are indeed getting closer and closer. Please pray for the Deacons and Elders as well as the contractors who are finishing the work that we still have to do. Pray too that in all that is going on we would see the goodness of God. That is one of the thoughts I love about the following verses.

Psalms 34:7-9 *(NIV) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. [8] Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. [9] Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.*

Piper- A Godward Life Vol. 1 "...for most of us, fear is something we want to get rid of, not get more of. If that is true of the fear of God then there is something wrong with our hearts or something wrong with our understanding of this fear." (246)
What does it mean to FEAR the Lord? Does it mean we are scared to death of HIM? No, to fear the Lord means to be in AWE of the Lord. To have a deep Respect, and to Honor Him. It also means a growing desire to Obey and Follow Him. We can show deep Reverence and Respect, we cam seek to Honor Him in our lives by Obeying and Serving Him joyfully and willingly each day.
PRAYER: Lord, help me to Obediently, Respectfully FOLLOW after you. Help me to seek to know You more each day. May my relationship with You impact the way I think, talk, and act.

Pastor Mark Kieft
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