



## *The Fear of the Lord*

### **The Fear of the Lord is Wisdom**

- *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 111:10; Proverbs 9:10*
- *The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom. Proverbs 15:33*
- *'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that **is** wisdom.' Job 28:28*

### **The Fear of the Lord is Eternal.**

- *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. Psalm 19:9*
- *And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." Revelation 19:5*

## **The Fear of the Lord is Safety.**

- *The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27*
- *The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil (harm). Proverbs 19:23*
- *By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil. Proverbs 16:6*

What would happen to us regarding our safety if we didn't fear the Lord?

*"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me, because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD. They would not accept my counsel; they spurned all my reproof. So, they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices."*  
*Proverbs 1:28-31*

## **The Fear of the Lord is BLESSING!**

- *Praise the LORD! How **blessed** is the man who fears the LORD. Psalm 112:1*
- *His **mercy** is upon generation after generation towards those who fear Him. Luke 1:50*
- *Who is the man who fears the LORD?*
  1. *He will instruct him in the way he should choose.*
  2. *His **soul** will abide in prosperity,*
  3. *And his descendants will inherit the land.*
  4. *The **secret of the LORD** is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant. Psalm 25:12-14*

- *O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is **no want**. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any **good thing**. Psalm 34:9-10*
- *For You have heard my vows, O God; You have given me the **inheritance** of those who fear Your name. Psalm 61:5*
- *“And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time **to reward** Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great...” Revelation 11:18*

### **The Fear of the Lord is Commanded by God**

- *The conclusion, when all has been heard, is fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. Ecclesiastes 12:13*
- *Do not let your heart envy sinners but live in the fear of the LORD always. Proverbs 23:17*

### **The Fear of the Lord is Commended by God**

*The LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.” Job 1:8*

### **The Fear of the Lord in the Present Church of Jesus Christ**

- *So, the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit it continued to increase. Act 9:31*
- *Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:21*

## **The Fear of the Lord in Jesus Christ**

- *Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also, righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist. Isaiah 11:1-5*

## **The Fear of the Lord is Foundational to Biblical Womanhood.**

*Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.  
Proverbs 31:30*

## *What IS the Fear of the Lord?*

### **Two ways of fearing God.**

- God as my Judge

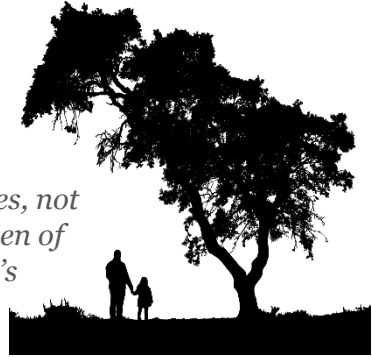
Jesus said, “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

### **We are safe!**

*There is now NO condemnation to  
those who are in Christ Jesus!  
Romans 8:1*

- God as my Father

*...a child who has tremendous respect and love for his father or mother and who dearly wants to please them. He has a fear or an anxiety of offending the one he loves, not because he's afraid of torture or even of punishment, but rather because he's afraid of displeasing the one who is, in that child's world, the source of security and love. ~ R.C. Sproul*



*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”  
The focus here is on a sense of awe and respect for the majesty of God. ~ R.C. Sproul*

Our “fear of the Lord” is a sense of security, love, awe and respect toward our heavenly Father.

*“the fear of veneration and honor, the fear of respect or awe.”  
~ Al Martin*

*“because [parents] are their father and mother, they are God’s representatives to administer His rule and will to them. Therefore, because of the dignity of their position, children are to regard their parents with veneration, honor, and awe.”  
~ Al Martin*

*The fear of the Lord “restrains itself from sinning...because it loves and reveres God as Father, it worships and adores him as Lord.” ~ John Calvin*

## *Reconciling Love and the Fear of the Lord*

- Love Chastens

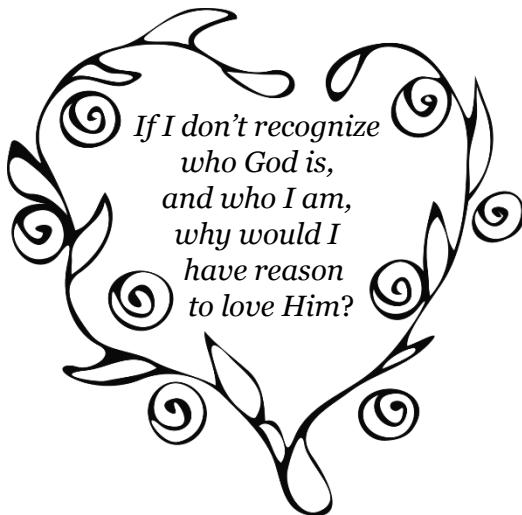
*The sin that is still within us and about us can have terrible, even frightening effects on us and bring great reproach to the name of our God and cause us to be wounded and pierced through in many ways by God's chastening hand. ~ Al Martin*

The fear of the Lord is the humble recognition that we, as God's children, desperately NEED His discipline, chastening, correction.

*The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother. Proverbs 29:15*

*Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul. Proverbs 29:17*

*Hebrew 12:5-11*



- Love began with fear

*‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved... ~ John Newton*

- Love continues with fear

*This fear of the Lord “is a fear that leads us not to run from Him but to draw near to Him through Jesus Christ and gladly submit to Him in faith, love, and obedience.” ~ Al Martin*

*God is in your mind and heart, so powerful, so holy, so awesome, that you would not dare to run away from Him but only run to Him. “So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12-13 Tremble if you ever feel any inclination to leave this God. There is only destruction away from Him. O how we should fear to leave the Lord. Tremble in His presence that He would be so gracious to receive us. ~ John Piper*

- *Conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth. 1 Peter 1:14-17*
- *Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1*
- *Offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28-29*
- *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men. 2 Corinthians 5:9-11*
- *Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:21*

*Psalm 34:11-14; Psalm 112:1; Psalm 128:1; Proverbs 8:13; Proverbs 23:17; Proverbs 14:26*

## *How to achieve or grow in my fear of the Lord.*

- Know God through His Word—as His Word reveals Him.

*Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You. Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your ordinances are good. Psalm 119:38-39*

- Be awed by Who God IS!

Even though we no longer fear God's judgment for our sin, God is still God!

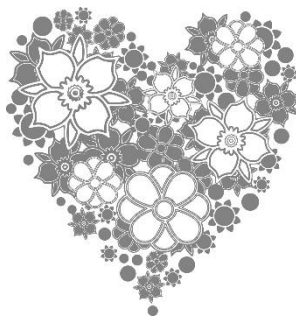
*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of...Christian living—living wisely!*

*Praise the LORD! How **blessed** is the 'woman' who fears the LORD Psalm 112:1*

Recommended resource:

*The Forgotten Fear: Where Have All the God-Fearers Gone?*

By Albert N. Martin; Reformation Heritage Books



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