

No Fear of the Lord

Fear of the Lord Defined and Illustrated

- There are numerous terms in the scriptures that create a pause: this is one of them.
 - Eccl. 12:13 – “fear God, and keep his commandments”
 - 1 Jn. 4:18 – “There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

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- The “fear of God,” or the “fear of Jehovah,” will resonate upon the conscience and the heart of the reader with a variety of definitions:
 - 2 Chron. 17:9-10 – “the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the land...”
 - Acts 5:11 – “A great fear came upon the whole church”
 - Heb. 10:31 – “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

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- Which “fear of the Lord” motivates your life in Christ?
 - Mk. 9:47-48 - Fear of going to hell?
 - Deut. 13:4 - Fear that will govern your walk?

Methods of Turning the Heart unto Good

- The Lord (parents) uses three methods to turn the heart of a man (child) unto good:

Punishment

Reward

Love

What Motivates Your Obedience? Lk. 17:10

- If you took away the fear of punishment, would you bow your knee to the Lord?
- If you took away the promise of reward, would you bow your knee to the Lord?

No Fear of the Lord:

- Rom. 3:9-18 – What is moving in the heart and mind of sinful man?
- The word “fear” here denotes “reverence, awe, veneration.” There is no such regard or reverence for the character, authority, and honor of God as to restrain them from crime. Their conduct shows that they are not withheld from the commission of iniquity by any regard to the fear or favor of God.” (Gill).

No Fear of the Lord May Result From:

- Lk. 12:1 – Through the hypocrisy of the religious...
- Psa. 14:1 – The foolishness of the humanist.
- Psa. 36:1 - From the faculty of the mind to the tongue, mouth, lips and feet there is no fear of God in them.

Benefits of a Healthy Fear of the Lord:

- Job 28:28 – “Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom”
- Job 6:14 – A fear of the Almighty can be manifested in our dealings with our fellowman.
- Acts 9:31 – “walking in the fear of the Lord”
- 2 Cor. 5:11 – “Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord”

Rulers to Have a Fear of God:

- Exod. 18:21 – “provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God”
- 2 Chron. 19:5-7 – Judiciary accountable to God
- Rom. 13:1, 3, 4; 1 Pet. 2:13-15 – “no power but of God” ... “sent by him”

Walking in His Ways

- Deut. 8:6 – “And thou shalt keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.”
 - Psa. 25:14 – “The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him...”
 - Psa. 33:18 – “the eyes of Jehovah is upon them that fear him”
 - Lk. 12:5 – “But I will warn you whom ye shall fear”

The fear of the Lord will regulate
how men deal with one another.

Nehemiah 5:9

A Fear of the Lord is a Taught Characteristic:

- Heb. 10:31 – An awareness of a frightening situation.
- 1 Pet. 2:18 – Respect in a way a servant fears his master.
- Heb. 12:28 – Denotes reverence and awe

The Scriptures and Fear of the Lord

- There is a direct correlation between reading the scriptures and a fear of the Lord:
 - Psa. 119:38 – “Which is in order unto the fear of thee”
 - Deut. 4:23 – A failure to remember the covenant will result in idolatry.
 - 1 Tim. 4:13 – “give heed to reading”

Reading Advances Knowledge:

- Deut. 17:18-20 – “he shall read therein...that he may learn to fear Jehovah”
- The more you read, the more you learn, the more you learn, the more you are fearful to fall into the hands of the living God, the more you will reverence God, the more you will respect God...the less you read...?

Result:

Isa. 5:13 – “Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are famished.” Don’t be that guy.

The Cure:

Phil. 2:12 – “So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...”