

The Fear of the Lord

Promotes Righteousness & Justice



Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (August 31, 2014)

Introduction: For the past month we have studied what it means to have a healthy fear of the Lord. If we fear the Lord, then we cannot live a life similar to that of those in the world. There is a conflict in the world, even in our own country, over what is right and wrong. What happens when a nation turns its back on God (**Psalm 33:12**)? What moves in? God's word provides blessings, but it also promotes rules and laws that are meant to protect us. What does that mean? Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Without the Fear of the Lord, Sin Reigns Supreme

A. We will be known for what we follow.

Psalm 36:1, Proverbs 23:7, James 1:12-18

B. We must not ignore God or His will.

Psalm 99:1, Psalm 114:7, Deuteronomy 4:29, I Chronicles 16:10-11, II Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 9:10, Psalm 14:2, Psalm 24:5-6, Psalm 119:2, Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9, Hebrews 11:6

C. We cannot afford to get comfortable.

Ephesians 2:8, II Corinthians 5:7, Philippians 2:12

II. The Fear of the Lord Promotes Righteousness

A. What is right is right and will always be right.

Romans 3:19-26, Deuteronomy 9:4-6

B. The Lord is a Righteous God

Jeremiah 23:6, Jeremiah 33:16, Deuteronomy 9:4-6, II Timothy 4:6-8, I Peter 2:23

C. The Lord's people should be righteous.

Exodus 9:27-30, Deuteronomy 8:5, Hebrews 12:6

III. The Fear of the Lord Promotes Justice

A. We should recognize injustice.

I Peter 2:20-25, Isaiah 51:12, Matthew 10:28, Isaiah 59:19, Isaiah 66:2

B. The Lord is a Just God

II Peter 3:9, Psalm 119, Psalm 9:7-8, Psalm 111:7-8, II Thessalonians 1:6

C. The Lord's people should love justice.

Micah 6:8, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Mark 12:30, John 13:34-35, Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:27-28

Conclusion: The word "respect" does not adequately represent our "fear" of the Lord. When Satan comes after you, you'll need the fear of the Lord as your default! The next generation is watching us. Do they see us fearing the Lord? Are we too comfortable? Oswald Chambers said, "*The remarkable thing about fearing God is that, when you fear God, you fear nothing else; whereas, if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.*" Do you fear God? Will you turn your life over to Him? **Hebrews 10:30-31** says, "*The LORD will judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*" Look up!