

The Fear of the Lord

Prohibits Unrighteousness & Lawlessness



Sunday Morning Bible Class 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. This morning we are going to talk about the prohibitions that can keep us on track. Paul said, *“Therefore, my beloved, as you 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.”* (Philippians 2:12). The early church learned to fear the Lord and they passed that on to many others (Acts 9:31). How can we do that? Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. What Have We Learned About the Fear of the Lord?

A. What does the phrase “fear of the Lord” mean?

- 1) Dread/Terror - **Deuteronomy 1:29, Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 8:12-13**
- 2) Awe/Reverence - **I Kings 3:28, Jeremiah 42:11**
- 3) Respect - **Leviticus 19:3, Ephesians 6:1-3**

B. What does nature do before the presence of the Lord?

Jeremiah 2:12, Exodus 20:18-20, Psalm 33:8

C. What should we know about fearing the Lord?

Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 15:33, Genesis 3:8-10.

II. The Fear of the Lord Prohibits Unrighteousness

A. What did God tell the prophets to preach? Why?

Jeremiah 5:20-24, Ezekiel 21:7, Isaiah 6:5, 8:12-13, 51:13, Daniel 3:16-18, 9:4, Hosea 3:5, 10:3, Joel 2:1, Amos 3:8, Jonah 1:9-10, 16, Micah 7:17, Haggai 1:12, Malachi 1:14, 3:5, 16

B. What did God encourage the psalmists to sing about? Why?

Psalm 2:1, Psalm 9:20, Psalm 10:8, Psalm 12:5, Psalm 14:6, Psalm 17:8, Psalm 18:11, Psalm 19:9, Psalm 22:23, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 28:8, Psalm 31:2, Psalm 36:7, Psalm 46:1, Psalm 46:7, Psalm 46:11, Psalm 48:3, Psalm 57:1, Psalm 59:16, Psalm 62:7-8, Psalm 63:7, Psalm 71:3, Psalm 71:7, Psalm 81:7, Psalm 91:2, Psalm 91:4, Psalm 91:9, Psalm 94:22, Psalm 102:15, Psalm 141:8, Psalm 142:5, Psalm 144:1-2

C. What did God inspire the wise to write about? Why?

Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 1:29, Proverbs 2:5, Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 10:27, Proverbs 14:2, Proverbs 14:26-27, Proverbs 15:16, Proverbs 15:33, Proverbs 16:6, Proverbs 19:23, Proverbs 22:4, Proverbs 23:17, Proverbs 24:21, Proverbs 29:25, Proverbs 31:30, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

III. The Fear of the Lord Prohibits Lawlessness

A. What did God motivate Moses to teach? Why?

Exodus 15:11, Leviticus 19:14, Leviticus 19:32, Leviticus 25:17, Numbers 14:9, Numbers 21:34, Deuteronomy 1:21, Deuteronomy 3:2, Deuteronomy 4:10, Deuteronomy 6:2, Deuteronomy 6:13, Deuteronomy 6:24, Deuteronomy 8:6, Deuteronomy 10:9-12, Deuteronomy 10:20, Deuteronomy 11:25, Deuteronomy 13:4, Deuteronomy 14:23, Deuteronomy 17:19, Deuteronomy 28:58, Deuteronomy 31:6-8, Deuteronomy 31:12-13, Joshua 4:14

B. What did God challenge Joshua and the judges to enforce? Why?

Joshua 4:24, Joshua 10:8, Joshua 22:24-25, Joshua 24:14-15, Judges 6:10, Judges 6:23, I Samuel 11:7, I Samuel 12:14-24, I Samuel 15:24

C. What is the challenge for those who live under the new law?

John 3:3-8, Romans 6:1-7, Romans 8:9-11, II Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:17-32, Colossians 3:1-2

Conclusion: The difficulty in following God in the world is that we are surrounded by people that are pulling us back into our old life, while God allows us the freedom to choose. This means that we have to have determination to keep moving ahead in faith. The only way to do that effectively is to remember why we came to Christ in the first place. We must choose to fear God and keep His commandments! We do not choose this because we have to... instead we choose this because we want to do it. We want to show God that we love Him. We want to serve Him. Because He loved us first! Therefore, we seek to be like Him, holy, righteous, good, and loving. What will you choose? Do you fear God?