

The Fear of the Lord

Prefaces Wisdom & Knowledge

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Introduction: We live in a post-Christian world. People do not seem to have a healthy fear of the Lord. This may be happening for two reasons: 1) We live in an age when people think God is dead. Therefore, if anyone who belongs to God, asserts His views, or follows His ways, can be viewed as archaic or behind the times. 2) Many Christians may see God as alive but they tend to shrink God down. They want to miniaturize Him. We have forgotten that there only one true God and He is worthy of fear! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Bible Speaks Often of the Fear of the Lord

A. Declaring the Fear of the Lord

Genesis 22:11-13, Exodus 1:16-18, Ephesians 5:18-21, I Peter 2:17

B. Defining the Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 15:33

C. Demonstrating the Fear of the Lord

Deuteronomy 31:6, II Kings 17:37-39

II. The Fear of the Lord Prefaces Wisdom

A. Without A Fear of the Lord, Reverence Is Ignored

Psalm 11:9

B. Without A Fear of the Lord, Revelation Is Inconceivable

Deuteronomy 29:29

C. Without A Fear of the Lord, Redemption Is Indigent

Genesis 3:8-10

III. The Fear of the Lord Prefaces Knowledge

A. We Need To Know Genuine Fear

Joshua 1:9, 8:1, 9:24, 10:25, 11:6, Proverbs 8:13, John 3:16

B. We Need To Know Glorious Fear

Isaiah 8:12-13

C. We Need To Know Godly Fear

Psalm 128:1

Conclusion: Everyone fears something. 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.*" What do you fear today? If you fear God, will you teach others to fear God and keep His commandments? If you do not fear God, you will when it's too late. **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.*" Those who walk in fear will be rewarded. Those who just walk... will stumble and fall. May God help us to fear Him!