

The Fear of The Lord, Part 1

1. What the fear of the Lord is NOT:

The fear of the Lord is not the demonic spirit of fear that is noted in 2 Timothy 1:7 -

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;
but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

KEY POINT:

God does not give us a spirit of fear. The fear of the Lord refers to a reverential fear and respect of the Lord.

Definition: Fear of the Lord

- **A reverence, a respect, a submission to the Lord and His commandments.**
- **An obedience to God's priorities**
- **To love what God loves**
- **To hate what God hates**

2. The fear of the Lord is:

- A. The key to the treasure of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

Isaiah 33:5, 6

The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, [and] strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD [is] his treasure.

- B. We cannot truly love God until we fear Him, and we cannot properly fear Him until we love Him.

- C. One of the manifestations of the Spirit of God.

Isaiah 11:1, 2

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

- D. The key to the presence of God inhabiting our praise and worship. Do you think the King of kings and the Lord of lords is going to come into a place where He is not given due honor and reverence?

Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses said unto Aaron, This [is it] that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. and Aaron held his peace.

Leviticus 19:30

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I [am] the LORD.
E. Guides our worship.

Psalms 5:7

But as for me, I will come [into] thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:
[and] in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Psalms 89: 6, 7

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? [who] among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all [them that are] about him.

F. Is something we can learn.

Psalms 34:11

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

G. Is something we choose.

Proverbs 1:29

For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD.

H. Guides our conduct and decisions.

2 Chronicles 19:9

And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

I. Will produce riches.

Proverbs 22:4

By humility [and] the fear of the LORD [are] riches, and honour, and life.

J. Is imperative for the growth of the local church.

Acts 9: 23 - 31

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and let [him] down by the wall in a basket. And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought [him] to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the

name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him. [Which] when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.