

Do You Fear God? 4302

I. What Is “The Fear Of The Lord”?

- A. Cleanses, endures forever (Ps. 19:9)
- B. Continues all day long (Prov. 23:17)
- C. What “the Fear of the Lord” is *not*
 - 1. Natural fear
 - 2. Demonic fear (2 Tim. 1:7)
 - 3. Religious fear, taught by the commandment of men (Is. 29:13ff [Matt. 15:7–9])—generates hypocrisy
 - 4. Fear of man—opposite of trusting God (Prov. 29:25)
- D. What it *is*
 - 1. Fear of a special kind
 - 2. Awe
 - 3. Reverence
 - 4. Attitude of worship and submission—submissiveness
- E. The “fear of the Lord” seeks to please the Lord
- F. What you fear is your God (Gen. 31:42, 53)

II. In The Life Of Jesus

- A. One of seven aspects of the Holy Spirit that rested on Jesus as Messiah (Is. 11:1–3)
- B. The seven spirits/lamps (Rev. 1:4, 4:5)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit as the Lord in person (Acts 13:2)
 - 2. Wisdom
 - 3. Understanding
 - 4. Counsel
 - 5. Might
 - 6. Knowledge
 - 7. Fear of the Lord
- C. His delight is in the fear of the Lord (Is. 11:3)
- D. Jesus was heard because of His godly fear (Heb. 5:7)

III. Conditions To Have The Fear Of The Lord

- A. We must choose it (Prov. 1:28–29)
- B. We must be taught by the Holy Spirit (Ps. 34:11–12)
- C. Do not trust in your own wisdom (Prov. 3:7)
- D. Depart from evil (Prov. 3:7)

IV. What The Fear Of The Lord Will Do For You

- A. It imparts wisdom (Job 28:28)
- B. God will accept you as a pupil (Ps. 25:12)
- C. God shares His secrets (Ps. 25:14)
- D. Produces long life (Prov. 10:27)
- E. Produces strong confidence (Prov. 14:26)
- F. A place of refuge for your children (Prov. 14:26)
- G. A fountain of life (Prov. 14:27)
- H. Life (Prov. 19:23)

- I. Permanent satisfaction (Prov. 19:23)
- J. Not be visited with evil (Prov. 19:23)
- K. Combined with humility (Prov. 22:4):
 - 1. Riches
 - 2. Honor
 - 3. Life

V. Pictures Of The Fear Of The Lord In God's People

- A. Rejoice with trembling (Ps. 2:11)
- B. Fear of the Lord with the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31)
- C. Mutual submission to one another first (Eph. 5:21)—*then*:
 - 1. Wives to husbands
 - 2. Children to parents
- D. Be motivated by the realization of the price paid for us (1 Pet. 1:15–19)

VI. Our Response (Prov. 2:1–5)

- A. Receive His words, treasure His commands
- B. Incline your ear to wisdom (be teachable), apply your heart to understanding
- C. Cry out for discernment, lift up your voice for understanding—impassioned prayer
- D. Seek her as silver, search for her as hidden treasure
- E. *Then* you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God