Do You Fear God?
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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

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