



SEMESTER 2 - WEEK 7

THE FEAR OF THE LORD [D1 - THE HEART]

John Newton wrote in Amazing Grace, “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.” The fear of the Lord is a response to his holiness and his hatred of wickedness. Those who fear also know that God is awesome and glorious. Fear is the sense of reverential awe before his sovereign grandeur.

-Tedd Tripp, Instructing a Child's Heart

Introduction :

1. Believers are God fearers

- Job 1:1, 8-9; 2:3
- Psalm 115:11 (see also: 15:4; 22:23-26; 25:12-14; 31:19-20; 61:5-6; 64:9-10; 66:16; 85:9-10; 103:11-13; 115:13; 128:1; 145:19)
- Acts 9:31; 10:2, 22, 35; 13:16, 26, 43; 17:4; 17; Revelation 19:5-6

2. God is worthy of fear

- Genesis 3:10; Exodus 3:6; Deuteronomy 5:5; 9:18-19
- Revelation 15:3-4
- Luke 12:4-5

3. God demands fear

- Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Romans 11:20-22

4. Cultivating fear of the Lord and its associates in the heart

- Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 14:23; 17:9
- 1 Peter 1:17-19



5. Benefits of fearing God

- Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; 9:10-11; 10:27; 14:2; 14:26-27; 15:33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4; 23:17; 29:25; 31:30
- Isaiah 66:1-2
- Revelation 19 and 21

Now why this fear and unbelief? Has not the Father put to grief His spotless son for us? And will the righteous judge of men condemn me for that debt of sin now canceled at the cross? Be still my soul and know this peace. The merits of your great High Priest have bought your liberty. Rely then on His precious blood. Don't fear your banishment from God, since Jesus sets you free.

(Verses 1 and 4 of "Why This Fear?" originally written by Augustus Toplady, 1772; reworded by Doug Plank of Sovereign Grace Music, 2011)



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Proverbs 1:7 — Fear of the Lord

- 7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 — Israel: Fear, Walk, Love, Serve, and Obey

- 12 *“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*
13 *and to keep the LORD’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”*

Luke 12:4-5 — Do Not Fear Men, but Fear the Lord

- 4 *“I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.*
5 *“But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!”*

Isaiah 66:1-2 — The Lord Looks to the Humble

- 1 *Thus says the Lord,
“Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool.
Where then is a house you could build for Me?
And where is a place that I may rest?*
2 *“For My hand made all these things,
Thus all these things came into being,” declares the Lord.
“But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.*



i. How does fear of the Lord draw attention to the glory of God? Do I see my fear of the Lord drawing attention to God's glory?

3. What truth from God's word should I remind myself of to cultivate a fear of the Lord?

