

Reflection & Discussion Questions

The Fear of the Lord – Proverbs 9:10

1. Is/was your understanding of the fear of the Lord different than the way it was presented in the teaching? Has your understanding now changed? If so, explain how and why.

2. Read Psalm 89:7. How do you think the fear of the Lord is evidenced in the body of Christ and in the individual life of a Christian?

3. How is the fear of the Lord evidence in *your* life personally?

4. *“Sometimes even where the law is silent, my heart tells me God would be grieved if I carried out an activity I’m considering.”* How does this quote stir your heart to walk in the fear of the Lord?

5. *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil...”* Pr. 8:13. Take time to think and talk with the Lord about this. Do you have the same attitude as God has about any sin in your life?
 - *“The fear of the Lord is a deep abiding sorrow over anything that would grieve Him.”* Write your thoughts about this. What is the Lord speaking to you personally?

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6. Joy Dawson said, *“The fear of God is evidenced in our lives by instant, joyful, and whole obedience to God. That is biblical obedience. Anything else is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience. Doing what God has asked with murmuring is disobedience.”*

- How is obedience, holiness, and our love for God connected with the fear of the Lord?

7. *“The fear of man brings a snare...”* Pr. 29:25a. Comment on this quote by William Gurnall, *“We fear man so much because we fear God so little.”*

- Are there any areas in your life, marriage, parenting, job, or witness of Christ that have been hindered because you have feared man over God? If so, how can you eliminate your fear of man and increase your fear of the Lord?

8. Are there any areas in your life such as: thought-life, relationships, your speech, job, ministry, attitude of heart; that are lacking the fear of the Lord?

- What changes do you need to make to walk in the fear of the Lord? List a few practical steps you can take to make the changes:

- How can you “choose” the fear of the Lord? (see Pr. 1:28-29)

9. Read the following verses. Tuck them away in your heart. Make notes by them, writing what the Lord speaks to you. Put a star by your favorites.

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge... Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom... Proverbs 15:33

...by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6

...let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

...what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God...
Deuteronomy 10:12

The Angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Psalm 34:7

The fear of the Lord leads to life; and he who has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm. Proverbs 19:23

Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him will He instruct in the way that He should choose.
Psalm 25:12

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. Psalm 128:1-4

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and He makes known to them His covenant. Psalm 25:14

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love.
Psalm 33:18

O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want.
Psalm 34:9

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He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Psalm 115:13-14

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Psalm 112:1-2

He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him, He also hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145:19

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him. Psalm 103:11

Establish Your word to Your servant, who is devoted to fearing You. Psalm 119:38

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. Psalm 89:7

Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. Psalm 86:11

...a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30