

# POD Session Number 2

## Fear of the Lord

### Learning Modules:

- A. Why Should We Fear the Lord?
- B. What is Fear of the Lord?
- C. How to gain the Holy Fear of the Lord.

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## Session 2 Module A

### Why Should We Fear the Lord?

#### Learning Objectives:

- The fear of the Lord is a great treasure
- Fear of the Lord is not confined to the OT
- Fear of the Lord is an essential foundation for Holy Living

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#### Opening Comments

**Fear of the Lord is one of the most untaught, misunderstood, least appreciated doctrines in all of Christendom.**

#### Fear is a big deal in scripture, a really big deal:

Fear is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible, Fear of God/Lord specifically 78 times, over 700 times when including; afraid (164), frightened (17), terrified (13), terror (58), dread (45) reverence (13), respect (23 mostly for man), awe (9) NASB. For comparison sake; faith is mentioned (250), grace (131), and love (349).



**Psalm 25:14** The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant. NASB95

What do you think the “secret of the Lord” means? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is His covenant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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See also Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Heb 8:6-13 (“New”, the 8<sup>th</sup> and last Covenant)

The promises in this verse are conditional. Upon what? \_\_\_\_\_

**The fear of the Lord is a great treasure of enormous value and importance:**

**Isaiah 33:6** And He will be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_. NKJV

What does “His treasure” mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**First, there is the idea that these (again especially the fear of the LORD) are given by grace by God as a treasure to us. The second would see these as being of great value to God to be seen in His children, perhaps it is both.**

**Psalm 147:11** The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy. NKJV

**Psalm 115:13** He will bless those who fear the LORD, *Both* small and great. NKJV

**Psalm 25:12-13** Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. his soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

**Based on Psalm 25:12-13, what promises are available to those who fear the Lord?**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



**There are more promises associated with  
the Fear of the Lord than with any other doctrine in scripture.  
See the handouts for more detail.**



**Take time to Read and meditate on Ps. 112, 128 and 2Cor 7:1.**

**Its endurance:** it is not just an Old Testament doctrine, it will never pass away:

**Psalm 19:9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

**Psalm 103:17** But the loving-kindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children, NASB95

**Jeremiah 32:38-40** “They shall be My people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for *the good of* their children after them. “I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. NASB95

**According to Jeremiah 32:38-40**

What will He do? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **For How long ?** \_\_\_\_\_

Why will He do it ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **see Jer. 32:33**

For who’s good? \_\_\_\_\_

He “seals the deal” with what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Some New Testament references:**

**Acts 9:31** Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. NKJV

**Hebrews 12:28** *Wherefore* we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: KJV

**Philippians 2:12-13** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ..... NASB95

**Revelation 15:4** “Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.” NASB95

### **The fear of the Lord in the life of Jesus:**

**Hebrews 5:7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; KJV

**Isaiah 11:1-3** Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,

The Messiah will \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of the Lord!



**Delighting in the Fear of Lord is one of the greatest attributes a child of God can possess. This delight moved Jesus to walk closely with His father.**

**Its Insight:** To know anything spiritually, we must have God’s fear.

**Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. NASB95

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Job 28:28** “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.’ ” NASB95

### **It’s Life-giving Properties:**

**Proverbs 19:23** The fear of the LORD *leads* to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

**Proverbs 14:27** The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

**Psalms 103:11,13** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving-kindness toward those who fear Him. **vs. 13** Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. NASB95

### **It provides security, a place of safety and supply for us:**

**Psalms 34:7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them. NASB95

**Proverbs 14:26** In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.

**Psalms 34:9** O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want. NASB95

**Psalms 33:18** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His loving-kindness. NASB95

Please refer to the article “Key Scriptures on fearing God” in the resource guide.

## Fear of the Lord is an essential foundation for Holy/Obedient Living

1. It causes us to depart from evil.
2. It causes us not to depart from Him or each other.
3. It holds the promise for great blessings and eternal reward.
4. It is the key to intimacy with God.
5. It brings glory to God.
6. It gives us the ability to not fear man.

### Remember the Command!



**1 Peter 1:15-17** but like the Holy One who called you, \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves also in all *your* behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, \_\_\_\_\_ during the time of your stay *on earth*; NASB95

### Remember the Great Commission.



**2 Corinthians 5:9-11** Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_, NASB95



**Recall from session one; fulfillment of the Great Commission, in the fear of the Lord, is the ultimate expression of obedience and love.**

**REMEMBER: 1 Cor. 8:1 “Knowledge puffs up but love builds up”. Studying the Bible is important, but the goal is never knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ means that we learn from Him, fellowship with Him, and obey everything He commands us. Love is the goal thru obedient holy living.**



**APPLICATION NEXT STEPS:** As you review this session in your own personal quiet time, with your POD mates and others, ask yourself; What is God saying to me? and How am I going to respond? Begin now to look for opportunities to start sharing what you have learned with others. That is disciple making. Take advantage of the transformative power of prayer, journaling, writing out personal application/next steps, and memorizing key scriptures. Also, be sure to read the articles and one or more of the books mentioned in the resource guide at the end of each of the seven sessions.

**KEY TAKE-AWAYS AND MY PERSONAL APPLICATION/NEXT STEPS:**

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**Scripture I will commit to memorize from this session:**

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