

Holy Fear of the Lord

... Is the fruit of God choosing to give us revelations of His Glory which compels us to love God completely, ourselves correctly and others compassionately by participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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Is our response to God's grace as He chooses to show us revelations of His glory both through His Word and works. Thus we experience His transcendent majesty both on an intellectual and emotional level and become aware of His presence, knowledge, power, love, wisdom, holiness, authority and justice thus beholding both His kindness and severity.

His glory has the power to transform our hearts and create a delightful fear of Him. This fear is distinguished by trembling at His holiness and justice, reverential awe, absolute respect, astonishment, admiration, unshakeable trust, worship, thanksgiving, peace and an unquenchable thirst for Him.

The transformed heart is characterized by an all-pervasive growing dependence upon Him and His strength and counsel. It chooses radical obedience in the face of all kinds of trials, tribulations and temptations, brought on by our flesh, evil spirits, and a fallen world. This obedience is set apart by loving God completely, ourselves correctly and others compassionately.

If we love God we are compelled to continually seek His face. We can then look forward to even greater revelations of God's glory and a maturing delightful fear of Him, knowing who He is and what He has done for us. Then out of the riches of His own grace in Christ we can expect fulfillment of the promises from the inexhaustible store house of God's blessings not only in this life but much more in the life to come.

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