

# Fear of the Lord

*Healthy<sup>1</sup> “Fear of the Lord” is the beginning of Wisdom<sup>2</sup>  
and is a primary means, besides love, by which God motivates us to holy living<sup>3</sup>,  
thus bringing glory to Himself<sup>4</sup> and everlasting joy to our souls<sup>5</sup>.*

*It is given to us by grace<sup>6</sup> and is produced in our hearts by the Holy Spirit<sup>7</sup>  
as God is moved to give us revelations of His glory<sup>8</sup>*

*His Glory is comprised of the supreme goodness of His character,  
His compassion, grace, mercy, loving kindness, forgiveness, holiness, justice, and faithfulness, etc.<sup>9</sup>  
and of the awesomeness of His divine all powerful, all knowing, ever present nature.  
Each attribute is given meaning and definition by the other and must not be viewed independently.  
Thus, He alone is sovereign and has the absolute authority and right to judge fairly.<sup>10</sup>*

*We can know about God by His names<sup>11</sup>, the creation<sup>12</sup>, and the law written on our hearts<sup>13</sup>, and  
through His Son<sup>14</sup>, and His Word. Yet, we cannot truly know Him without experiencing His PRESENCE<sup>15</sup>.  
This is the secret by which we gain the Fear of the Lord and are transformed into His image<sup>16</sup>.*

*We must understand that God is bound and determined in accomplishing His purposes.  
He will not be mocked<sup>17</sup> and that judgment begins with the house of the Lord<sup>18</sup>.  
Acts of disobedience (sin), irreverence<sup>19</sup> and the neglect of pursuing God will  
quench and grieve the Holy Spirit.<sup>20</sup>*

*This can move God to harden our hearts to the Fear of Him<sup>21</sup> resulting in  
the loss of motivation for Holy living, loss of remembrances<sup>22</sup>, and the loss of present and eternal blessings<sup>23</sup>.*

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***Fear of the Lord is what one experiences in the presence of God.  
It compels us to stand in trembling astonishment of who He is, to seek His presence<sup>24</sup>,  
to delight in the fear of Him<sup>25</sup>, to hate sin and love the things He loves<sup>26</sup>.***

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<sup>1</sup> Where one is drawn towards God not away from Him

<sup>2</sup> Prov 9:10

<sup>3</sup> Ps 111:10

<sup>4</sup> Ps 22:23

<sup>5</sup> The Westminster confession states that “The chief aim of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever”. Is 11:3; Mt 28:8

<sup>6</sup> Jer 32:39

<sup>7</sup> Is 11:2

<sup>8</sup> By our obedience, gratitude and acts of worship John 14:21

<sup>9</sup> Ex 33:19-19; Ex 34:6-7

<sup>10</sup> Rom 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup> There are 243 names of God in the Bible, each describes one of His attributes.

<sup>12</sup> Rom 1:20

<sup>13</sup> Rom 2:15; Rom 1:19

<sup>14</sup> Rom 3:21-24

<sup>15</sup> John 16:13-15; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 9:3-5; Job 40:1-5,42:1-6; Ex 34:29,35; 1 Sam 10:6-10; Eph 5:18

<sup>16</sup> Col 1:27

<sup>17</sup> Gal 5:21

<sup>18</sup> 1 Peter 4:17

<sup>19</sup> 2 Sam 6:7

<sup>20</sup> Eph 5:16; 1 Ths 5:19

<sup>21</sup> Is 63:17

<sup>22</sup> Ps 78:10-11, 42; Ps 106:13

<sup>23</sup> 2 Cor 5:10

<sup>24</sup> Heb 11:6; Col 3:1; Ps 16:11; Ps 95:2; Jude 24; Prov 7:15; Mt 7:7; Ex 33:18

<sup>25</sup> Isaiah 11:1-2

<sup>26</sup> Prov 8:13