

Key Scriptures on Fearing God

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I. Key Scriptures on the Fear of God

The following is a summary list of the most important scriptures related to the fear of God, which are grouped by category. These scriptures are key to the fear of the LORD and are listed here with a few notes on why they are so important. These are essential if YOU would understand the inestimable value of God's holy fear and the great gift it is. You would do well to keep them in your heart.

1. Its Endurance: The fear of God will endure throughout all generations,

- a. It is for every generation.

The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever Ps 19:9

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout generations. Ps 72:5

afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD your God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days, Hos 3:5

- b. God desires it always to be in our heart.

Oh that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever! Dt 5:29 that thou may learn to fear the Lord thy God always. Dt 14:23 apply the man that fears always, Pr 28:14

2. Its Importance:

- a. God takes pleasure in us.

The LORD takes pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Ps 147:11

- b. Everything God does, he does so that we will fear him.

I know that, what so ever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. Ecc 3:14

- c. The whole duty of man is to fear God & keep his commandments, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecc 12:13

- d. God honors and blesses those who fear him. but he honoureth them that fear the Lord 15:4

He will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small and great. Ps 115:13

3. Its Effect:

- a. Causes us to depart from sin.

The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Pr 14:27

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. Pr 16:6

Fear not: for God is come to prove you, & that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. Ex 20:20

- b. Causes us not to depart from him.

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Jer 32:40

- c. Gives us strong confidence and a place of refuge.

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of rest
Pr 14:26

- d. Enables us to draw near to God.

Dominion and fear *are* with him, he makes peace in his high places. Job 25:2

4. **Its Protection and Supply:**

- a. God supplies the need of those who fear him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. Ps 34:9

- b. God watches over those that fear him.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; Ps 33:18

And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day. Dt 6:24
He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
Ps 111:5

- c. It delivers us from our enemies (especially from the fear of man) and from harm.

The angel of the LORD encamped round about them that fear him, and delivered them. Ps 34:7

The fear of the LORD tended to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. Pr 19:23

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.
Ps 115:11

- d. It keeps us from all extremes.

It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all. Ecc 7:18

5. **Its Value:**

- a. It is our great treasure and our heritage.

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure. Isa 33:6

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name. Ps 61:5

Oh how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; Ps 31:19

- b. It causes us to abide fulfilled and satisfied in life.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps 145:19

The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; Pr 19:23

By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, & honor, & life. Pr 22:4

- c. All will go well with them that fear God, but it shall not go well with them that do not.

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. Ecc 8:12-13

- d. God will show his will to those who fear him.

What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his

covenant. Ps 25:12,14

- e. God will hear the cries of those who fear him.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, Mal3:16

6. **Its Life-Giving Properties:**

- a. It is a fountain of life.

The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Pr 14:27

The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life Pr 19:23

- b. It brings healing and growth.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Pr 3: 7-8

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. Mal 4:2

- c. It brings great mercy.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so is his mercy toward them that fear him. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. Ps 103:11,13

But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; Ps 103:17

And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. Lk 1:50

Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endures for ever. Ps 118:4

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Ps 85:9

- d. It is the way of peace.

And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Rom 3:17-18

My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. Mal 2:5

- e. It produces godly change in our life.

God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no **changes**, therefore they fear not God. Ps 55:19

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

- a. It is the key to knowledge.

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge; *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. Pr 1:7

- b. It is the key to understanding.

by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil. Pr 16:6

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding. Job 28:28

- c. It is the key to wisdom.

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom Pr 9:10jPs 111:10

The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. Pr 15:33

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding. Job 28:28

II. Scriptures on Not Fearing

The fear of God is to be the only fear in our heart. It should drive all other fears out. The following scriptures are a partial list of the many which exhort us on what we ought not to fear. These specifically have been chosen because they show us why we ought not to fear everything outside of God. Most of them are the direct result of how we know and understand the LORD God. [Usage note: The commands to "fear not", "be not afraid", etc. are underlined, while the focus on the LORD is shown in bold.]

1. After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: **I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.** Gen 15:1
2. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; **for God hath heard** the voice of the lad where he *is*. Gen 21 :17
3. And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, **for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed** for my servant Abraham's sake. Gen 26:24
4. And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: **your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks:** I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. Gen 43:23
5. And he said, **I am God, the God of thy father:** fear not to go down into Egypt; for **I will there make of thee a great nation:** Gen 46:3
6. Behold, **the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee:** go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. Dt 1:21
7. Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. **The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you,** according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; Dt 1:29-30
8. Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well **remember what the LORD thy God did** unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; Dt 7: 18
9. When thou goes out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: **for the LORD thy God is with thee,** which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. Dt 20:1
10. And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; **For the LORD your God is he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.** Dt 20:3-4
11. Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for **the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.** Dt 31:6
12. And the LORD, **he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee:** fear not, neither be dismayed. Dt 31:8
13. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for **the LORD thy God is with thee** whithersoever thou goest. J as 1:9

14. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, **I have given into thy hand** the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: Jos 8:1
15. And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for **thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.**
Jos 10:25
16. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will **I deliver them up** all slain before Israel Jos 11:6
17. And I said unto you, **I am the LORD your God**; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice. Jdg 6:10
18. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; ... **For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.** 1Sam 12:20,22
19. Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard 2K 19:6/Isa 37:6
20. And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: **for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee**, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 1 Ch 28:20
21. And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is not yours, but God's.** 2Ch 20:15
22. Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for **the LORD will be with you.** 2Ch 20:17
23. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: **remember the Lord**, *which is* great and terrible, Neh 4:14
24. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For **the LORD shall be thy confidence**, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Pr 3:25-26
25. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, **your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.** Isa 35:4
26. be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold your God!** Isa 40:9
27. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; **I will help thee.** Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of Israel; **I will help thee**, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isa 41:13-14
28. But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for **I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.** Isa 43:1
29. Fear not: **for I am with thee**: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; Isa 43:5
30. Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, **which will help thee**; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. Isa 44:2
31. Be not afraid of their faces: **for I am with thee to deliver thee**, saith the LORD. Jer 1:8

32. Be not afraid of [idols]; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good. Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and thy name is great in might. Jer 10:5-6
33. Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, 10, **I will save thee from afar**, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid. Jer 30: 1 0
34. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: **for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you** from his hand. Jer 42:11
35. But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, **I will save thee from afar** off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. Jer 46:27
36. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words,: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, Eze 2:6
37. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: **for the LORD will do great things**. Joel 2:21
38. O house of Judah, and house of Israel; **so will I save you**, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong. Zec 8:13
39. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: **for thy prayer is heard**; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. Lk 1:13
40. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: **for thou hast found favor with God**. Lk 1:30
41. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy**, which shall be to all people. Lk 2:10
42. But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and **she shall be made whole**. Lk 8:50
43. But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: **ye are of more value than many sparrows**. Lk 12:7
44. Fear not, little flock; for **it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**. Lk 12:32
45. Fear not, daughter of Sian: behold, **thy King cometh**, sitting on an ass's colt. Jn 12:15
46. Then spoke the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For **I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee** Ac 18:9-10
47. Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, **God hath given thee all them that sail with thee**. Ac 27:24
48. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I am the first and the last**: Rev 1 :17