

## FEAR

To be in fear, will always take you from God and is a snare. We are commanded not to fear, for our lives depend upon it! The enemy who is the devil will use this fear to control us if we let him.

[Romans 8:15](#); *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba Father."*

[2Timothy 1:7](#) – *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

[Job 3:25](#)- *For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.*

[1 John 4:18](#)- *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

How do we overcome fear? We must recognize it first. Sometimes we just do things out of a natural reaction, but this is not always good. To recognize that we are doing something out of fear is most important because once we can see it and name it we can reject it. The only way we can gain confidence against fear is to learn who is our God, and Lord Jesus Christ. This comes by increasing our faith, through the reading of the Word and doing what it instructs [Romans 10:17](#), [Romans 12:2](#)

## THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

The term fear of the Lord is often taken and rejected as being negative, so you don't hear too much teaching and preaching on this subject. What is true though is that we as believers in Jesus MUST have the fear of the Lord for our own spiritual and physical prosperity! For it is our safeguard and it yields to us Gods promises as we cultivate it in our own lives [Prov 23:17](#).

Proverbs is a good book to refer to on the subject and here are some inferences to the fear of the Lord it contains:

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov 1:7, [Prov 1:23](#)*

- It is our entrance into gaining knowledge

*Who is the man that fears the LORD?  
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. Psalm 25:12*

- as we walk in the fear of the Lord God will teach us His way

*Because they hated knowledge  
And did not choose the fear of the LORD, Prov 1:29*

- the fear of the Lord must be chosen to do

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;*

*Fear the LORD and depart from evil. Prov 3:7, [Prov 8:13](#)*

- *the Fear of the Lord motivates us to depart from evil*

*The fear of the LORD prolongs days,*

*But the years of the wicked will be shortened. Prov 10:27, [Prov 14:27](#)*

- the Fear of the Lord protects us from premature death

*In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence,*

*And His children will have a place of refuge. Prov 14:26*

- *we are found in God's protection and are confident in this*

*[2 Cor 7:1](#): Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

- We are to move forward into clean living and holy lives – in fear of God

What does it mean to fear God? It means we are motivated with the acknowledgement that God has a standard of living – and to remain under His good graces, in Jesus Christ, is to abide by how He commands and teaches us to, to do otherwise is to be counted as His enemy.

*Isaiah 63:10; But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit;  
So He turned Himself against them as an enemy,  
And He fought against them.*