

FEAR OF GOD

ESSENTIALS FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

What is the FEAR OF GOD?
It's a profound sense of awe, reverence, and respect for the Creator, rather than cowering in terror. It involves a deep awareness of God's supreme power and holiness, which leads to humility, moral living, and the pursuit of wisdom. One must not make the mistake of considering God's grace as a dismantling or overshadowing of His sovereign ability to judge unrighteousness or correct sin. The God of the Bible is the same God of today, and His attitude towards ungodliness has not changed. He is eternally just, righteous, and sovereign, and as believers, our desire should be to align our lives with His. We must love what He loves and hate what He hates. Every pursuit of our life, as believers, should have the chief end of glorifying God.

Why do we fear God?

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. **Psalm 111:10**
The man who fears the Lord is blessed. **Psalm 112:1**
The fear of the Lord prolongs life. **Proverbs 10:27**
Strong confidence and refuge are in the fear of the Lord. **Proverbs 14:26**
Riches and honor are a reward of the fear of God. **Proverbs 22:4**
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. **Proverbs 14:27**
The fear of the Lord is our treasure. **Isaiah 33:6**
God remembers those who fear him. **Malachi 3:16**
The Lord has mercy on those who fear him. **Luke 1:50**
Fear the Lord because he has authority to cast into hell. **Luke 12:5**
The fear of the Lord promotes Church growth. **Acts 9:31**
The fear of the Lord produces evangelism. **2 Corinthians 5:11**

How do we fear God?

Psalm 34:11-14 English Standard Version

11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you **the fear of the Lord**. 12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 **Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.** 14 **Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

1. Keep evil talk out of your mouth.
2. Do not deceive people with the words you speak.
3. Make a conscious decision to come away from all evil.
4. Be intentional about doing good towards others.
5. When contention arises, find a solution that will bring peace.
6. Make peace your daily pursuit.

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As we embark upon this study of the fear of God, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you areas where you have not revered or respected God.

Reflect on a time when you became deeply aware of God's holiness. How did it affect your thoughts, attitudes, or actions?

In what ways have you relied on God's grace while overlooking His holiness or righteous standards?

How does recognizing God's sovereignty influence your daily decisions and priorities?

What areas of your life need greater alignment with God's character and will?

What does it practically mean for you to "love what God loves and hate what God hates"?

How does the fear of God produce wisdom, humility, and obedience in the life of a believer?

Are there any habits, attitudes, or relationships that the Holy Spirit is calling you to surrender in order to honor God more fully?

What does living for the glory of God look like in your family, workplace, ministry, and personal life?

Write a prayer asking God to cultivate a deeper reverence for His holiness and a greater desire to live a life that pleases Him.