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The Benefits of Fearing God

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

- *The fear of God is a profound sense of awe, reverence, and respect for the Creator. It involves a deep awareness of God's supreme power and holiness, which leads to humility, moral living, and the pursuit of wisdom.*
 - In this proverb, we find the primary benefits of fearing God;
 - “life” HEB. חַי “hăy” - alive, living joyously.
 - “rests satisfied” HEB. שָׂבַע “śābēa” satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are. (contentment)
 - “not visited by harm” HEB. רָע “rā” evil distress, injury, or calamity.
 - *“Under our present dispensation, Christians expect not immunity from care and trouble, but have hope of protection and grace sufficient for the occasion, and conducive to edification and advance in holiness.”*
- H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., Proverbs, The Pulpit Commentary (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 370.
- So then, in this context, how does one fear the Lord?
 - **We must always give God the RIGHT OF WAY. v21**
 - **Love must be our highest motivation for all we do. v22a**
 - **We must value the truth more than we value money. v22b**

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