

**REVERENTIAL FEAR OF GOD – 2**  
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**REVIEW:**

- Man's whole duty: fear God, keep His commandments.
- A controlling motive of the life in matters spiritual and moral; a wholesome dread of displeasing Him.
- It's where all knowledge begins.

**CONTINUE:**

**ISAIAH 8:13 (NIV) JEREMIAH 32:39 (KJV)**

- Some teach that God was to be feared in the Old Testament and loved in the New Testament. The truth is God never changes, and there will never be a time when God's people will not fear Him in holy wonder, reverence and awe, throughout eternity.
- The fear of God is a friend and not an enemy.

**LEVITICUS 9:22-24 (NLT)**

- When the sacrifices were made according to God's specifications, the glory of God appeared and the people were blessed. The fire consumed the offering, not the people. They were joyful.

**LEVITICUS 10:1-3 (MSG)**

- When Aaron's sons decided to do things their way, the same glory and fire consumed them. It's like electricity. It can heat our homes, cook our meals and dry our clothes. But if mishandled, it can kill us. Knowing this, we respect it and handle it properly. We use smoke alarms.

**ROMANS 3:18**

- Paul addresses Gentiles and Jews and reveals that all mankind in Adam is unrighteous. Gentiles have creation and conscience, while the Jews have the Mosaic Law. Both are guilty and inadequate to save themselves. When there is no fear of God before our eyes, sin runs rampant.

**ROMANS 1:18-2:2, 11-13 (NLT)**

- The solution to all this is to fear God. "Where no fear of God is, no good is to be expected." Matthew Henry

**WHY FEAR GOD?**

1. It's required. **DEUTERONOMY 10:12**
2. It's our duty. **ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14**
  - A. Solomon: best looking, most wisdom, capital, power, and did everything to find purpose and pleasure in this life. After trying wine, women, song, entertainment, riches, folly, buildings, and everything one can imagine; he made this summary.
3. Jesus' warning. **LUKE 12:4-5**
4. God is still a consuming fire. **HEBREWS 12:28-29**

**HOW TO DEVELOP REVERENTIAL FEAR**

1. Pray for it. **PSALMS 86:11**
2. Study and learn about it. **PSALMS 34:8-16**
3. Practice it. **EPHESIANS 5:21**
  - A. In the home. **EPHESIANS 5:22, 25, 6:1**
  - B. In the work place. **EPHESIANS 6:5-6**
  - C. In Government. **ROMANS 13:1-2**
  - D. In daily living. **2 CORINTHIANS 7:1**
4. Consider animals. **GENESIS 9:2**
5. Consider **ISAIAH 66:1-2 (MSG)**
6. Consider **ISAIAH 66:22-24 (MSG)**

**CONCLUSION:**

When one does not fear God, there's no motivation to listen to God. Fearing and obeying God are closely connected. Our goal is to grow in the fear of God as Job, on whom God bragged. **JOB 1:8 (NLT)** Also, to one day be part of the Group in **REVELATION 19:4-5!**