

THE FEAR OF GOD

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INTRODUCTION:

PR. 1:7; PS. 55:19 NLT - The fear of God is a powerful motivation for living for God and for producing change in one's life. **PR. 1:28-29** say fearing God is a choice. If we want to find Him, we must choose to fear, reverence and respect Him.

* **Vines Definition:** A controlling motive of the life, in matters spiritual and moral. A wholesome dread of displeasing God. If lost, it leads to a casual attitude toward God.

* Illustration: My experience working at the mill. At first, the machinery has one's respect. Over time, that fear is gone and a casual attitude develops, which leads to loss of limbs and life, and safety meetings.

* **PS. 36:1 NIV** Fear of God denotes reverence, awe or veneration. The fear of God corrects our behavior.

ACTS 5:1-5, 10-14

An explosion of growth was taking place. There was great power, grace and unity among them. These two devised an evil plan that ended in judgment and their death. Great fear came upon the church, and more believers were added.

* **ACTS 9:31** The early church walked in the fear of God.

Scriptural References:

- 1.) **DEUT 5:29 NIV** God wants our respect.
- 2.) **DEUT. 6:24 NIV** Fearing Him is for our own good.
- 3.) **PS. 112:1** Those who fear God are blessed.
- 4.) **PS. 34:9-13** The fear of God is taught.

WHEN A MAN FEARS GOD

- 1.) Is when he really starts to know Him.
 - A.) **ISAIAH 6:1-8 NLT** Clarity, conviction, cleansing, and commission.
 - B.) **DEUT. 4:10 NLT** Children need taught to fear God.
- 2.) He will live a holy life.
 - A.) **PR. 3:7-8, 14:2 NIV** Godly fear affects every aspect of one's life. Our talk, dress, time, attitudes, etc.
- 3.) He will serve God faithfully.
 - A.) **PS. 2:11 AMPC, HEB. 11:7 NIV, HEB. 12:28-29 NIV, 2 CHRON. 19:9 NIV.** Our orders have been given. We are to serve God faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of God.
- 4.) He will be rewarded.
 - A.) **PR. 10:27** (Long life); **19:23** (Satisfaction); we can live out our full life span being satisfied.
- 5.) He will gain assurance.
 - A.) **PR. 14:26** (Of protection); **PS. 34:7** (Of deliverance); **PS. 34:9-10** (Of provision); **PS. 33:18** (Of His attention).
- 6.) He will become more Christlike.
 - A.) **HEB. 5:7 NLT** Jesus demonstrated deep reverence for the Father. As we walk in Godly reverential fear, we are transformed by the spirit from glory to glory.

Conclusion:

ECCL. 12:13-14 Our whole duty as a person is to fear God and keep His commandments. This means to hate sin and cleave to what is good. To be wise, requires the fear of God.