

Fear Of The Lord Part 2

Pray for elections & London attacks
24/7 Prayer

Preamble

- The Fear of The Lord needs to be a strong part of our identity
- It needs to be in our atmosphere, our lives, families and Church
- The Fear of the Lord is in danger of being a neglected subject in our lives

Recap

- The Fear of the Lord is the safest place to live
- The rewards are numerous and they are amazing
 - Beginning of wisdom
 - Taught by the Lord
 - God reveals secrets
 - Long Life
 - Confidence, Safety for Children, Spring of living water
 - A Satisfying Life
 - Wealth, Honour & a satisfying life
- The Fear of The Lord eliminates all other fears
- Jesus lived in the fear of the Lord Isaiah 11.2

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. [2] The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him---the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord--- and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. **Isaiah 11:1-2**

Treasure Key - The Fear Of The Lord

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. **Isaiah 33:6**

In that day he will be your sure foundation, providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the LORD will be your treasure. **Isaiah 33:6 NLT**

- He will be the sure foundation
- A rich store of salvation
- Wisdom, knowledge
- The Fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure
- The Fear of the Lord is the treasure

Blessed are those who fear the Lord

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. [2] Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. [3] Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. [4] Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. [5] Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. [6] Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. [7] They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. [8] Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. **Psalms 112:1-8**

Define: Fear of The Lord -

- It's a result of seeing, experiencing the Glory of God
 - it's not a natural fear
 - It's not a demonic fear
 - It's not a fear of people

• It is the fear of the Lord

It's *Reverence* in response to revelation. The only appropriate response to seeing God.

It's *submission*. A submissive attitude towards God is an expression of the Fear of The

Lord. It's Awe

- Fear of the Lord is to live with an awareness of eternal consequences for our life, actions, thoughts and words
- Fear of the Lord causes us to walk softly, tenderly before the Lord

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe (Fear), for our "God is a consuming fire." **Hebrews 12.28,29**

Fear and Love

If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. [12] Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. [13] Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. [14] Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. **Psalm 90:11-14**

- We live with the Fear of the Lord and we live satisfied in his love

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord. **Acts 9:31**

- Peace, Strength, comfort of the Holy Spirt, Growing in number
- Living in the fear of the lord

The Fear of the Lord draws God's attention

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, **Psalm 33.18**

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. **Psalm 25:14**

- In other words I consider you my friend
- You only share secrets with close friends

The Fear of The Lord causes us to tremble at Gods word

"These are the ones I look on with favour: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. **Isaiah 66.2b**

- Respond with urgency to the Word of the Lord
- Respond with their whole hearts to the whole Word of the Lord
- Not picking and choosing their favourite bits and ignoring others

The Fear of The Lord causes us to Reverence Him

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. **Psalm 2:11**

- Not be familiar with Him
- The fear of the Lord deals with casual, 'me' centred christianity
- Instead restores an awe and a deep respect

The Fear Of the Lord causes us to value each other deeply

Submit to one another out of reverence (Fear) for Christ. **Ephesians 5:21**

- We see Gods Children
- We see God in his Children
- We listen well to each other, we love well
- We sacrifice for each other and submit to each other

Fear of the Lord deals with habitual sin

- People continue in Sin because they don't have the fear of the Lord
- There is no victory over besetting sin without the fear of the Lord implanted in your heart

Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided.

Proverbs 16.6

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. **Proverbs 3.7**

There is no way of avoiding Sin and living an overcoming life without the Fear of the Lord.

- Story of my Pastor friend who committed adultery and lost his marriage and children
- Story of Jimmy Swaggart in the late 1980's - "I loved Jesus but there was no Fear of God in my life.'

They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.

Jeremiah 32.38-40

- Wow, wow, wow
- Always fear me and it will go way for them
- Inspire them to fear me so that they will never turn away from me
- We need the Fear of the lord to live true and live long and live pure

The Fear of the Lord brings us back from our backsliding

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14.27

But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me," declares the Lord. [21] A cry is heard on the barren heights, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel, because they have perverted their ways and have forgotten the Lord their God. [22] "Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding." "Yes, we will come to you, for you are the Lord our God. **Jeremiah 3:20-22**

The Fear of The Lord Purifies our hearts

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. **Psalm 19.9**

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Corinthians 7:1

- Purifies and keeps pure
- Brings a cleanness

The Fear of the Lord adds longevity both to our lives and our work

The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Proverbs 10:27

- The Fear of the Lord deals with shallowness and flakiness
- The Fear of the Lord gives depth and weight to the people and the work of the Lord
- The Fear of the Lord confronts the masquerading Spirit of 'God said' and 'God told me'

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed---not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence---continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose. **Philippians 2:12-13**

Conclusion/Application

1. Choose - Ask God to impart it

..since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. **Proverbs 1:29**

- It is a work of the Holy Spirit
- You can't do it yourself
- Ask the Holy Spirit
- Revelation leads to Reverence - Revelation of God's majesty and greatness

2. Position Yourself

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, [2] turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, [3] and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, [4] and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, [5] then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. **Proverbs 2:1-5**

Eight Things

1. Accept Gods words - Accept or receive
2. Store up His commands within you - Memorise
3. Turn your ear to wisdom - Listen
4. Apply your heart to understanding - meditate
5. Call out for insight - Prayer
6. Cry aloud for understanding - Prayer
7. Look for it as for silver - Study
8. Search for it as for hidden treasure - Study

Two Rewards

1. You will understand the fear of the Lord
2. You will find the knowledge of God