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TEXT: PSALM 9:10, 111:10, ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

Introduction

Many people will say that it is not good to fear God. “How can you love someone that you have to fear”. The fear of God is mentioned over and over in the Word of God. One of the ones that stands out is Ecclesiastes 12:13; where it says, “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

If this is the case, why do believers today question the fear of God – Some say fear is not of God, others say why should I fear my father? However, we fear the powers that God Almighty has shown us, we run for cover during a storm, we hide from lightening, we stay away from wild animals the great God created, but we do not choose to fear God.

In Proverbs 9:10 it reads, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” It also reads that way in Psalm 111:10, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures for ever.”

The Blessing of the Fear of God.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

1. The fear of the Lord comforts us (Job 4:6 ESV).
In what way is God’s fear, really a comfort to believers?
2. The fear of the Lord creates in us a generous heart (Acts 4:32 NLT).
How does it create a generous heart? Give some real life examples.
3. The fear of the Lord makes the church grow (Acts 9:31 NLT).
4. The fear of the Lord gives us honour (Proverbs 22:4 ESV).
5. The fear of the Lord makes what we say to be heard in heaven (Malachi 3:16 NLT). How does God’s fear command heavens attention?
6. The fear of the Lord makes our righteousness endure forever (Psalm 112:1-3 NLT).
7. The fear of the Lord gives the earth to our descendants (Psalm 25:12-13 NLT). God’s fear appears to have great benefit. Discuss.

Conclusion

We could add a lot more point to the above list because in the fear of the Lord there is “all-inclusive” blessing. When God sees the “fear of the Lord” in manifestation, He holds nothing back from us, it is the threshold to God’s treasure and His immeasurable wealth.