

TOPIC: THE BLESSINGS OF THE FEAR OF GOD

THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF THE FEAR OF GOD PART 2.

**TEXT: PSALM 111:10, ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14,
DEUTERONOMY 6:1-2**

Introduction

In the English dictionary, the “Fear of God” refers to a specific sense of respect, awe, and submission to a deity. Fearing the Lord means to be in reverent awe of His holiness, to give Him complete reverence and to honour Him as the God of great glory, majesty, purity and power.

What does the Bible say about fear of God?

“Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him ...” (Deuteronomy 6:13) “Serve the Lord with fear ...” (Psalms 2:11) “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling ...” (Philippians 2:12) “It shall be well with them that fear God ...” (Ecclesiastes 8:12).

The Scripture says the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and wisdom is to depart from evil. That means we must avoid evil, or anything that lures us to do evil or wickedness. We are to stay completely away from sin as children of God.

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. It releases the blessing of God (Psalm 128:4 AMPC)
Q: In what way is the blessing of the Lord released?
2. It prolongs the days of our life (Proverbs 10:27 CEV)
3. It pours out endless mercy upon us (Psalm 103:17 NKJV)
4. It brings healing (Malachi 4:2 NLT)
Q: What is the correlation between the fear of His name and God blessing you
5. It dispels worries and creates trust (Proverbs 14:26 NLT)
6. It enables me to recognise evil (Proverbs 3:7)
Q: What aspect of God’s Fear makes us depart from evil?
7. It creates security (Psalm 16:8 GNT)
Q: How do we practise the presence of the Lord?
8. It secures our harvest (Jeremiah 5:24 AMP)
Q: Precisely what do we understand about the awesomeness of our God?
9. It gives us a place of refuge Proverbs 14:26; Psalm 91:1-2

- Q: The fear of the Lord is been described as a place, please explain.
10. It edifies us (Acts 9:31)
- Q: In what way does God's fear edifies us and builds the church
11. It is a source of life for us (Proverbs 14:27 NLT)

Conclusion

A frequent command given to God's people in the Old Testament is to "fear the Lord." It's important that we understand what this command means for Christ's followers today. Only as we truly fear the Lord will we be freed from all destructive and satanic fears. By fearing God, we can avoid being trapped by the natural pull toward going our own way, defying God and giving in to the inviting ways of immoral behaviour.

Again today we further realise that in the fear of the Lord there is an "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 and blessing.