

The Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 9:10 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Wisdom is knowing that what you do today affects your tomorrow.

Fearing God guides us into a life of righteousness, displayed by wise and godly choices.

A Fear of God is not about being scared of Him or having a spirit of fear. When someone is scared of God, it often means they have something to hide. Like Adam and Eve, they tried to hide in the bushes.

You can't be in harmony with God if you are living a life of sin.

The person who fears God does not hide anything! **Instead, they fear being away from God.**

*Exodus 20:18-20 - When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that **the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.**”*

A Fear of God keeps us from sinning.

Rather than focusing on us and how sinful we are, we should be looking up to God’s holiness, His word, and allowing that to draw us closer to Him.

We need to cut sin out of our lives out of a deep reverence for God and a desire to be close with Him.

Romans 6:1-2 - What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Intentional and repetitive sin should not exist in our Christian walk.

1 John 3:6-10 - ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

Live to reach God's holy standards. Don't lower the standard just to make ourselves feel better. If we fall short, don't live in guilt and shame.

Instead, repent, ask for the Holy Spirit's strength, and **keep on striving to reach God's holy standard.**

Jesus came down and went through His suffering to defeat the devil's work. Sin has already been defeated! **Don't live in it, cut it off!** Live in that victory.

If we live with a reverent Fear of God, our life will be transformed. You will become stronger and able to weather life's storms, less likely to fall into sin, and you'll live in closer intimacy with God. You will build an increased desire to want to get to know Him more.

Psalm 25:14 - The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.

The Lord is close to those who fear Him.

Hebrews 12:28 - "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."

Regardless of what happens in this world; The storms of life, the wars, the famines, the evil in and around our society – **God's Kingdom will never be shaken.**

Worship God with reverence, with awe, because He will never change. He is the God of majesty and brilliance – the King of kings.