

## THE FEAR OF THE LORD

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1. **Ps 25:12-15.** “Who is the man that **fears the Lord?**”
  - a. God will teach you in the way He chooses.
  - b. You will dwell in prosperity.
  - c. Your children will inherit the earth.
  - d. The secret of the Lord is with those who **fear Him**. He will reveal His purposes for you, *Jer 33:3, 1Cor 2:9,10, Ps 32:8.*
  - e. He will make you know His covenant. The fulness of His grace through Christ, *Eph 1:3.*
  - f. As you always look to the Lord He will pluck your feet out of the net.
2. **The fear of the Lord is a priceless treasure motivating us to seek God, serve and obey Him, do His will,** and stand in awe of Him in respect and reverence, *Ps 112:1, Is 50:10.*
3. **Deut 10:12,20.** “What does the Lord require of His people?” But to **fear the Lord** your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord..... for your good.  
*Also Deut 5:29, 6:1,2,13,24, 4:10.*
4. **The fear of the Lord is the right attitude towards God, determining what we think, decide, say and do. It is a meek and humble attitude leading to obedience and worship.** See *Is 66:1,2.*
5. **Josh 5:13-15.** The Lord appeared to Joshua as he was planning his strategy to attack Jericho, and as soon as Joshua realised it was the Lord he **“fell on his face to the earth,”** and worshipped saying, “What does my Lord say to His servant?”  
*Ex 3:5,6, Lev 9:24, 1K 18:39, Ac 9:3,4.*
6. **In Mat 10** Jesus chooses His twelve apostles, instructs them in their message v7, ministry, v8, travel plans, v9-15, and from v16-26 warns them of dangers and persecutions. However He says to them v28, “do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, **but rather fear Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Gehenna - lake of fire) See *Mat 25:41.*
7. The fear of man brings a snare, *Pro 29:25.* It puts us under man’s control and power where we are afraid to confess Him and witness to Christ before men. If this happens then the Lord will deny us before the Father, *Mat 10:32.*
8. **Ps 53:1.** The fool has said in His heart there is no God.  
**Ps 36:1.** The wicked have no fear of God.  
And today many mock God and His Gospel. However, soon there will be a day when God-mocking men will run to hide in every cave, hole and cellar, from the face of the Lord, in His Coming as Judge, *Rev 6:12-17, Mat 24:30, Is 2:10-12,19-21.*
9. **Jam 2:19, Lk 8:31.** Demons tremble before God.

10. **The fear of the Lord** is established in us by -
- a. full commitment of our lives to God as we repent and turn from self to do His Will. This is “choosing the **fear of the Lord**,” *Pro 1:29*.
  - b. understanding the judgment of God and His day of wrath. *Rev 14:7, Mat 25:31-46, Mat 7:21-23, Heb 10:31, Heb 12:29, Rev 15:3,4*.
  - c. revelations of God to us, *Is 6:1-5, Judg 13:17-22*.
  - d. the anointing of the Spirit, *Is 11:2,3*.
  - e. the Word of God, *Pro 2:1-5, Deut 17:18,19*.
  - f. choosing to delight in His commandments, *Ps 112:1-4*.
11. **The blessings of the fear- of the Lord.**
- a. *Ps 25:12-15* See (1) above.
  - b. *Pro 16:6* Men depart from evil.
  - c. *Pro 9:10* The beginning of wisdom.
  - d. *Ps 112:1-4* His seed shall be mighty and blessed, wealth and riches shall be in his house and his righteousness shall endure forever.
  - e. *Mal 4:2* The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.
  - f. *Ps 34:9* No want to those who fear the Lord.
  - g. *Ps 34:7* The angel of the Lord encamps around them and delivers them.
  - h. *Pro 3:7,8* Health and healing.
  - i. *Pro 9:11* His days shall be multiplied and his years increased.
  - j. *Pro 14:26,27* Strong confidence, his children shall be safe, and a fountain of life to avoid the snares of death.
  - k. *Pro 19:23* Gives life, satisfaction, and freedom from evil.
  - l. *Pro 22:4* Riches, honour and life.
  - m. *Ps 145:19* Prayers answered, and salvation when we cry to God.