



*“Walking in
the fear of
the Lord”*

The word “FEAR”

Proverbs 9:10 states that, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding,”*

The word “FEAR” in Hebrew (2 dominant words)

- ▶ “Pachad” -*Pak-had*, “to make one shake, be afraid. Sometimes translated “terrified”
- ▶ “Yare” -*yaw-ray*’ “a deep reverence and respect” This is the most dominant word used when it says. “the fear of the Lord”

Key scriptures

- ▶ Psalm 139 *“Lord, you have searched me and you know me...”*
- ▶ Proverbs 5:21 *“For a man’s ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths.”*
- ▶ II Corinthians 5:10 *“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each may receive what is due him for the things done in the body whether good or bad.”*
- ▶ Luke 12: 2-3 *“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. What you have done in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the housetops.”*

*“Functional definition of
The Fear of the Lord”*

“The continual awareness that I am personally in the presence of a holy, just, omniscient, and almighty God and therefore every action, every thought, every word and every attitude is open before Him and being judged by Him.”

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We are in a “SPIRITUAL” battle

► *Ephesians 6: 10-18 (NLT)*

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

Saul tries to appease God with his sacrifices

- ▶ God wanted his **OBEDIENCE** not his **excuses**
- ▶ God desired **OBEDIENCE** from the **HEART**
- ▶ Our **OBEDIENCE** must be **PROMPT**
- ▶ Our **OBEDIENCE** must be **PRECISE**
- ▶ Our **OBEDIENCE** must be **UNQUESTIONING**

Threefold perspective of Paul

- ▶ **Christ has called me.** Galatians 1:1 says: *”Paul an apostle sent not from men nor by man but by Jesus Christ and God the Father.”*
- ▶ **God’s eye is upon me.** II Cor. 2:17 states: *Unlike so many we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God”*
- ▶ **God will judge me.**

God's response to those who fear HIM

His love is toward them - Psalm 103:11,17

He has compassion for them - Psalm 103:13

He has mercy for them - Luke 1:50, Psalm 103:11

He is a friend to them - Psalm 119:63

He blesses them that fear Him — Psalm 115:13, 128:1,4

He forgives them — Psalm. 130:4

He will fulfill the desires of those who fear him.

God's response to those who fear HIM

He prolongs the life of those who fear him — Proverbs 10:27

He remembers those who fear Him - Malachi 3:16

He takes pleasure in those who fear Him - Psalm 147:11

He will deliver them that fear Him - Psalm 34:7

He protects them — Psalm 33:18—19

He delights in those who fear Him - Psalm 147:11

He considers them His special treasure - Malachi 3:16-17