

# **The Fear of The Lord**

**The Picture of Humility Through Faith in  
the Cross**

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## Introduction

This study is to help God's people see the urgency and necessity for The Fear of The Lord to be found in our hearts as Christians in the eyes of our Lord. We would ask our Father to teach us and to help us learn The Fear of The Lord according to His Word so that we could walk in the obvious benefits made available through Jesus Christ and His sacrificial work on the Cross. The benefits are abundant and can be experienced moment by moment as we are found learning The Fear of The Lord. When we begin to see in the Scriptures that the Fear of The Lord is the posture of a heart depending and relying on that which God has done IN Christ at the Cross to give us the new heart we now have, He will bring an increase of our knowledge of Him. To know our Lord is our goal above all other goals. To know our Lord is to experience the power of His Resurrection, as He finds us through Faith in the fellowship of His sufferings. There He will be found faithfully making us conformable unto His death. Without the Cross of Christ and the posture of man's heart bowed before God there, there may be some sort of fear, but it will not be "The Fear "of" The Lord", meaning the Fear which is "of" the Lord. There is much study on The Fear of The Lord, but outside of a literal, deliberate and conscious Faith in the Cross of Christ, there will be nothing gained. Jesus said that we could not be His Disciples if we did not take up our Cross and follow Him. This is overlooked by so many, but the word Disciple means learner. There is no learning, at least not in an applicable way taught and imparted by The Holy Spirit without our Faith being in the Cross of Christ. Not our words proclaiming that we Believe, but our hearts yielded to its great Truth. Grab your Bible and come along with us as we study The Fear of The Lord which we pray will enhance our view of our great and mighty Savior. Let us prayerfully enter this study with the Joy our Lord has given us to be able to draw Living Water out of the wells of His great Salvation.

# The Fear of The Lord

## Psalm 130:3-5

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But **there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

## The Revelation of Forgiveness produces the Fear of The Lord

**This Revelation is of The Holy Spirit who gives it when the need for what Christ did on the Cross is accepted for day by day and moment by moment**

The Fear of The Lord is the Result of a Proper Biblical Evaluation of God's Word in the Light of Christ Crucified which results in a proper moral reverence and desire for The Lord. The Scriptures show that the Fear of The Lord is not produced by mere information, religious activity, or outward morality. It is the result of seeing God rightly through His Word and the Word of God can only be rightly evaluated when understood in the light of Christ and His sacrifice. When the Scriptures are viewed through the revelation of Christ crucified, the heart bows in reverence.

***That reverent bowing is the Fear of The Lord***

## 1. The Fear of The Lord Comes Through the Word Properly Understood

### Psalm 19:9

The Fear of The Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

The word, "**clean**" refers to pure in a ceremonial or moral sense.

The Fear of The Lord is connected to God's judgments which is His revealed Word. But the Word must be understood in its Righteous context. Scripture teaches that God's Righteousness is revealed in the Gospel.

### **Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The Righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel that is, in Christ crucified. Therefore, the Word reveals righteousness. Righteousness is revealed in the Gospel, and the Gospel's source of all its benefits is Christ crucified. So the Fear of The Lord is produced when the Word is seen through the revelation of Christ and His Cross.

## **2. The Word Teaches the Fear of The Lord**

### **Psalm 34:11**

"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the Fear of The Lord."

David shows that the Fear of The Lord is learned. It is not instinctive. It must be taught, meaning it comes through revelation from God's Word. But Jesus taught that all Scripture points to Him.

### **John 5:39**

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Therefore, the Fear of The Lord is learned when the Scriptures are opened, Christ is seen within them, and the heart perceives God's holiness and mercy meeting at the Cross.

### **3. Wisdom and the Fear of The Lord Begin Where Christ Is Revealed**

#### **Proverbs 9:10**

The Fear of The Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

#### **1 Corinthians 1:24**

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

If Christ is wisdom, and the Fear of The Lord is the beginning of wisdom, then the Fear of The Lord begins where Christ is rightly known in His Redemptive work. This means knowledge without Christ does not produce the Fear of The Lord.

***Scripture read apart from the Cross may inform the mind but will not humble the heart***

***True fear begins when the Word reveals the Lamb***

### **4. The Law Itself Points to This Reality**

#### **Deuteronomy 17:19**

And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

Why would reading produce fear? Because the Law reveals God's holiness, man's inability, and the necessity of

Sacrifice. When seen through Christ crucified, the Law no longer merely demands but reveals the One who fulfilled it. The result is reverent humility rather than legal striving.

## **5. The Fear of The Lord Is Produced by Seeing God's Judgment and Mercy Together**

### **Psalm 130:3-4**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But **there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**

Forgiveness through Faith produces fear. Where is forgiveness fully revealed? At the Cross. When the Word of God is evaluated properly, sin is seen as exceeding sinful, God's Judgment as God's Righteousness, and mercy is seen as costly. This alone produces reverence, not casual religion.

## **6. The Spirit Uses the Word to Produce This Fear**

### **Isaiah 11:2**

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the Fear of The Lord;

The Spirit teaches the Word through the Word, but always in the revelation of Christ.

### **2 Corinthians 4:11-12**

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

Thus, the Fear of The Lord teaches and guides us as the Word reveals Christ. Faith rests in Christ's sacrifice, and the Spirit applies that truth to the heart.

## **7. Why Many Read Scripture Yet Lack the Fear of The Lord**

Because Scripture can be evaluated wrongly such as mere history, moral instruction alone or religious law apart from Redemption cannot nor has ever produced Godly Fear.

But when Scripture is evaluated through Christ crucified, every command reveals man's need, while every sacrifice points to Him, and every promise finds fulfillment in Him. Then and only then will the heart tremble at God's Word, not with terror, but with moral reverence.

## **8. The Biblical Pattern**

Throughout Scripture the pattern is consistent. God speaks His Word so man can see God rightly. When seen properly, the heart is humbled. The Fear of The Lord is produced with wisdom and obedience following.

In the New Covenant, this pattern reaches fulfillment because the Word reveals Christ crucified as the center of all God's dealings with humanity.

The Fear of The Lord is the result of a proper biblical evaluation of God's Word which is an evaluation that sees and Believes all Scripture in the light of Christ and His sacrifice. When the Word of God is viewed through Calvary's Lamb, God's Holiness is seen clearly, sin is judged correctly, mercy is understood deeply, and man's heart bows in reverent Faith.

Thus, the Fear of The Lord is not produced by information,

emotion, or law-keeping, but by the Spirit opening the Scriptures to reveal Christ crucified, where Righteousness, forgiveness, and wisdom meet.

**Psalm 130:3-5**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is **forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

The Psalmist begins with a confession that no man can stand before God on the basis of his own Righteousness. If God dealt with us according to strict justice apart from mercy, all would fall, because all have sinned. The question “who shall stand” is rhetorical as the answer is no one. This drives the heart away from confidence in self and toward the provision God Himself would make in Christ. At Calvary, the iniquities that would have condemned us were laid upon Another, so that those who trust in Him might stand justified before God. “But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”

Forgiveness is not presented as something earned but something that is with God. It flows from His own Redemptive purpose. The fear spoken of here is not terror but reverent awe as the humble response of a heart that knows they have been forgiven through the sacrifice of Christ. The Cross reveals both the seriousness of sin and the greatness of God’s mercy. True Godly fear comes when we see what it cost for forgiveness to be granted through the giving of God’s Son.

**Psalm 130:5**

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Waiting on the Lord is the posture of the heart in Faith. The soul that has abandoned self-trust learns to rest in what God has spoken. The Word gives hope because it testifies of Christ and His finished work. Hope is not wishful thinking, but confident expectation grounded in God's promise. The Believer waits not for uncertainty, but for the full manifestation of what was secured at the Cross.

Psalm 130:3–5 moves from conviction to forgiveness to hope.

**Conviction:** None can stand before God in their own righteousness.

**Forgiveness:** God provides mercy through His Redemptive work.

**Hope:** The soul waits confidently in His Word, which points to Christ and His sacrifice.

The passage teaches that standing before God, fearing Him rightly, and waiting in hope are all realities made possible through Faith in Jesus Christ and what He accomplished at Calvary.

### **Psalm 130:3-5**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But **there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**

This passage ties the Fear of The Lord directly to forgiveness. The order is important and intentional as the reality of iniquity being that no man can stand before God on his own. The provision of forgiveness is something that exists only with God, not within man. The result being the Fear of The Lord which is the true reverence born from the Redemptive understanding experienced by Faith in the

sacrifice of Christ.

The Fear of The Lord does not arise from merely knowing God is powerful or that God judges sin; but it rises from seeing that He has provided forgiveness at immeasurable cost. The Cross is where this truth becomes fully revealed, offered and imparted to the Believer.

## **1. Forgiveness Reveals the True Fear of The Lord**

Biblically, the Fear of The Lord is not terror of punishment but reverent submission flowing from the knowledge of God's mercy. It is experienced when the soul realizes God sees all iniquity, yet He has provided forgiveness. Then the heart bows and that bowing of the heart is the Fear of The Lord. At Calvary, we see both truths meeting perfectly together as God did not ignore sin, but God judged sin in the sacrifice of His Son. Therefore, the Fear of The Lord is born where forgiveness is understood, and forgiveness is accepted only in the light of the Cross of Christ.

## **2. Why Faith Must Be Consciously and Deliberately in the Cross**

Forgiveness is not an abstract idea; it is the fruit of a specific work, being Christ crucified. When Faith becomes vague, generalized, or centered merely on ideas about God, the foundation of true reverence weakens. A conscious and deliberate Faith in the Cross allows The Spirit of God to keep the heart aware that that our sins required death, Christ bore that death, and our standing is entirely by grace.

***The need for "taking up" the Cross daily proves there must be a conscious and deliberate choice to do so***

This awareness produces humility, dependence, and trembling gratitude which are all characteristics of the Fear

of The Lord. Without that Cross-centered Faith, the Believer may still speak of fearing God, but the substance of that fear begins to shift.

### **3. When the Fear of Man Is Mistaken for the Fear of The Lord**

When the Cross is no longer the object of Faith, another kind of “fear” often replaces true Godly fear. The Fear of man finds the experience of being controlled by opinions or the acceptance of others or conforming outwardly to preserve reputation. This is where we will find ourselves serving to avoid criticism or rejection while only striving to appear spiritual.

#### **Proverbs 29:25**

The **fear of man bringeth a snare**: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

This fear produces bondage because it is rooted in self-preservation and self-transformation. The Fear of The Lord experiences humility before God because mercy has been received and obedience is found flowing from gratitude and freedom from needing the approval of men while confidence is rooted in Christ’s finished work. The Cross of Christ crucified the power of the fear of man because it removes all boasting in self.

### **4. The Spiritual Logic of Psalm 130**

Psalm 130 shows a divine progression:  
If God marked iniquities none could stand. But forgiveness exists with Him, therefore He is feared.

The Fear of The Lord is not produced by condemnation but by Redemption awareness. The soul that knows it has been forgiven through the sacrifice of Christ cannot approach God

casually, yet neither does it flee from Him. It draws near with reverent confidence.

**Proverbs 14:26-27**

26 In the Fear of The Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The Fear of The Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

**5. Christ and Him Crucified — The Center**

The Cross is the place where justice and mercy meet, forgiveness is secured and true fear is born in the heart of man.

Therefore, if Faith drifts from Faith in the Cross, the heart may still feel “fear,” but it often becomes fear of consequences, fear of failure, or fear of man rather than a holy reverence toward God. Only as the Believer keeps Faith anchored in Christ and His sacrifice does the Fear of The Lord remain a pure, reverent, humble and worshipful response to the One who forgives.

***Where Sin is belittled, what God did about Sin is belittled***

The Fear of The Lord is the fruit of seeing forgiveness through the Cross. Where Faith is consciously fixed on Christ crucified, holy reverence grows. Where the Cross fades from view, the fear of man quietly and deceitfully takes its place, because the soul loses sight of the One who alone makes us able to stand. The Fear of The Lord flows exclusively from the revelation of God in Christ crucified.

**Let’s look at the Scriptural benefits of having and walking in The Fear of The Lord as we see the urgency of the offer from our Lord.**

## **1. Wisdom and Understanding**

The Fear of The Lord is repeatedly shown as the doorway into spiritual perception.

### **Proverbs 1:7**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### **Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

### **Psalms 111:10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

## **2. Departure from Evil and Preservation from Sin**

The Fear of The Lord turns the heart away from destructive paths.

### **Proverbs 8:13**

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

### **Proverbs 16:6**

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

### **Job 28:28**

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

## **3. Strong Confidence and Security**

The Fear of The Lord produces stability rather than fearfulness.

**Proverbs 14:26**

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

**Proverbs 14:27**

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

**4. Life, Longevity, and Satisfaction**

Scripture ties the Fear of The Lord to Life itself.

**Proverbs 10:27**

The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

**Proverbs 19:23**

The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

**Psalm 34:9**

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

**5. Divine Protection and Deliverance**

Those who fear the LORD are described as being guarded by Him.

**Psalm 34:7**

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

### **Psalm 33:18-19**

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

## **6. God's Mercy and Compassion**

The Fear of The Lord positions the Believer to receive mercy.

### **Psalm 103:11**

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

### **Psalm 103:13**

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

### **Luke 1:50**

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

## **7. Intimacy and Revelation**

God reveals Himself to those who fear Him.

### **Psalm 25:14**

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Psalm 25:14 is the answer from our Lord as to why many today, after wandering away from Faith in the Cross, do not return when prompted by God's Spirit. They simply are not walking in and learning the Fear of The Lord through Faith in the Cross. As long as we are deceived by The Sin Nature and are thinking that something other than the Cross of

Christ is the avenue for all our God offers, we will never come back to the place where His Grace is truly found.

## **8. Blessing and Fruitfulness**

The Fear of The Lord is directly connected to blessing.

### **Psalm 128:1-2**

1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

### **Proverbs 22:4**

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

## **9. Clean and Enduring Worship**

### **Psalm 19:9**

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

### **1. The Central Thread and its Benefits**

Notice that we are not treating the Fear of The Lord as merely an Old Testament moral concept, but as a Redemptive revelation that reaches its full clarity at Calvary. This structure which the Word of God reveals of the Fear of The Lord is that God's holiness exposes sin and forgiveness is provided by God. Forgiveness is revealed and offered fully through Faith in the sacrifice of Christ. Therefore, true fear is born from redemption, not terror. This is exactly the logic already embedded in Psalm 130, "There is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." We see that fear is not the cause of forgiveness,

but rather that forgiveness is the cause of true fear. This Scriptural order is very important and must be understood.

## **2. The Doctrinal Flow (The Backbone of this Teaching)**

Hopefully we are seeing the internal progression that holds this great Truth together.

### **A. The Fear of The Lord is Revelation-based**

It comes when God is seen correctly, not merely as Judge, but as the Holy One who justifies through the sacrifice of His Son. This is why we are to repeatedly recognize this great Truth in the following Scriptures:

#### **Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

#### **Romans 8:3-4**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:11-12**

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

## **Isaiah 11:2**

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, **the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;**

Those Scriptures show us that reverence is produced by revelation, not human emotion.

## **B. The Cross is the interpretive center**

We need never to look away from the framework of this beautiful Life-giving Truth that God has offered man.

Law was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Wisdom is embodied in Christ, and Fear is produced and offered to man through Christ's sacrifice.

The Fear of The Lord is fulfilled and understood only through the revelation of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

## **C. The distinction between “fearing God” and “the Fear of The Lord”**

This is one of the strongest sections in the entire study that we need to allow our Lord to place deeply within our hearts.

***Fearing God is not the same as having The Fear of The Lord***

Let's look at Cornelius to see this reality.

Cornelius is described this way in Acts 10:1-2.

### **Acts 10:1-2**

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Later we see Peter telling us in Acts 10:35, “In every nation he that feareth him (God), and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (God).”

God sent Peter to Cornelius with a specific purpose.

### **Acts 11:13-14**

13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

If Cornelius already possessed the biblical Fear of the LORD as revealed under the New Covenant, he would not have needed Salvation preached to him. This shows that his fear of God was real but incomplete for the possession of the benefits of having The Fear of The Lord. It was not yet grounded through Faith in Christ crucified.

This distinction explains many biblical scenes that would otherwise seem contradictory (Sinai vs Moses drawing near, demons trembling vs saints worshipping).

What happens when the Child of God begins learning this powerful Truth and power of the Fear of the Lord is that they begin being removed from legalistic fear, emotional fear, and are escaping religious performance. These things are replaced with reverence born of The Spirit through seeing what God has done in Christ on the Cross.

Now we want to look at a more intense look into how The Fear of The Lord is defined according to the Scriptures.

# **1. FOUNDATIONAL DEFINING SCRIPTURES FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

The following Scriptures define what the Fear of The Lord actually is in God's Word and take notice of how they are all related to what Faith in the Cross brings about in the life of the Believer.

## **Job 28:28**

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

This is fulfilled in Christ who is made wisdom unto us (1 Corinthians 1:30) through His work on the Cross.

## **1 Corinthians 1:30**

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

## **Psalms 19:9**

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

The Fear of The Lord is clean because of the cleansing blood of Christ having washed away the Believers sin and continues to wash away the Believers sin day after day and moment by moment if we are walking in the Light which our Lord is walking in (1 John 1:1-9) and are being cleansed in that blood cleansing walk of fellowship with Him.

## **Psalms 34:11**

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

If we are walking in the Truth of the Gospel, we are learning the Fear of The Lord through the revelation of Christ and His

Cross in the Word of God.

**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 endureth for ever.

Wisdom begins where Christ is revealed as Savior. The place we were forgiven. If we are learning the Fear of The Lord, then we are always experiencing God's forgiveness.

**Psalm 130:4**

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

In Proverbs we will find great treasure of the doctrinal Truths concerning The Fear of The Lord. Let's look at these great treasures of what having Faith in the Cross of Christ brings into our lives.

**Proverbs 1:7**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 2:5**

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

**Proverbs 8:13**

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

**Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

**Proverbs 10:27**

The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

**Proverbs 14:26-27**

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

**Proverbs 15:16,33**

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

**Proverbs 16:6**

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

**Proverbs 19:23**

The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

**Proverbs 22:4**

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

**Proverbs 23:17**

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

All of these great Truths of treasure were fulfilled where wisdom and Righteousness met at Calvary, and can be experienced by Faith as often as we are found applying Faith to the very object that brought us into The Fear of The Lord. The Cross of Christ.

## 2. THE Fear of The Lord AND REDEMPTION (THE CROSS THE CORE)

The following passage most clearly connects the Fear of The Lord with forgiveness and salvation, which requires Faith in the Cross for its fruit.

### **Psalm 130:3-4**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

The Truth of the Cross reveals why forgiveness produces reverence.

### Exodus 12 (Passover)

The Blood was applied and Israel was protected from the judgment of death.

Fear was rooted in their trust through Faith in the sacrificial blood of The Lamb.

Let us remember Noah, who by Faith being warned of God, was “moved with Fear” and prepared the ark which saved his house.

### **Hebrews 11:7**

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, “**moved with fear**”, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

In Leviticus we see the Sacrificial System with the key themes revealing God’s prescribed way for carrying out the sin offerings and burnt offerings for the sins of Israel. Read the focus of The great Day of Atonement in Leviticus

16. There we will see The Fear of The Lord being learned through substitutionary sacrifice always pointing us to Christ.

### **3. THE Fear of The Lord IN THE LAW (TORAH)**

These passages show The Fear of The Lord tied to Covenant obedience which is fulfilled through Faith in Christ ad His Sacrifice.

Deuteronomy also provides great treasure for those who reach farther into the great Well of God's Salvation through Faith.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:2**

That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:13**

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

#### **Deuteronomy 10:12**

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

#### **Deuteronomy 10:20**

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

#### **Deuteronomy 14:23**

And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy

herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always

**Deuteronomy 17:19**

And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

**Deuteronomy 28:58-59**

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;  
59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. In all these Scriptures we should be seeing that Law reveals inability but the Cross of Christ reveals all of God's sufficient provision of Grace.

**4. HISTORICAL BOOKS - FEAR IN PRACTICAL LIFE**

The following Scriptures show what The Fear of The Lord looks like lived out.

**Joshua 24:14**

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

**1 Samuel 12:14**

If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

### **1 Samuel 12:24**

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

### **2 Samuel 23:3**

The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

### **1 Kings 18:12**

And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

### **2 Kings 4:1**

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

### **2 Chronicles 19:7**

Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

### **2 Chronicles 19:9**

And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

### **2 Chronicles 20:29**

And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

Fear produces obedience flowing from dependence on God's provision which was fulfilled in Christ's Sacrifice.

## **5. WISDOM LITERATURE - THE HEART OF YOUR BOOK**

These texts explain the internal workings of the Fear of The Lord.

Key themes in the Book of Proverbs concerning what the Fear of The Lord does are the beginning of wisdom, the hatred of evil, the fountain of life, confidence, humility and stability.

### **Proverbs 14:26-27**

26 In the fear of the LORD is **strong confidence**: and his children shall have a **place of refuge**.

27 The fear of the LORD is a **fountain of life**, to **depart from the snares of death**.

All of God's benefits are rooted in the Cross of Christ where pride dies and grace flows. Outside of that framework, these things have no place in our lives because The Holy Spirit of Grace will not be able to find the heart allowing His work.

This is a great place to bring one of the most dynamic and fulfilling Truth's into our teaching. Our God works the death of Christ in His people so that they can express the Life of Christ to others.

### **2 Corinthians 4:11-12**

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

Remember the Fear of The Lord is experienced only as one is trusting in the death of Christ. Anything else being called

the Fear of The Lord outside of Faith in the Cross of Christ is a fearing God but it is not the Fear of The Lord.

The Holy Spirit is referred to in Isaiah 11:2 as The Spirit of The Fear of The Lord, which rested upon Christ.

**Isaiah 11:2**

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

**6. PROPHETS — MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT**  
**Isaiah (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT)**

Spirit of the Fear of The Lord resting on Messiah.

**Isaiah 11:2**

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Messiah delights in this fear.

**Isaiah 11:3**

And shall make him (His delight shall be) of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Fear of The Lord as Treasure.

**Isaiah 33:6**

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

## **Jesus Christ is the perfect embodiment of The Fear of The Lord**

### **Hebrews 5:7**

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and **was heard in that he feared**;

The New Covenant fulfillment is that Believers are now gathered around the Gospel. But it remains the same today as they are the Saints who fear The Lord and are found speaking "OFTEN" one to another about His name.

### **Malachi 3:16-17**

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

## **7. NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT IN CHRIST**

Here is where many messages and books fail but it must always remain central among those who desire to walk with The Lord.

Let's look at this Treasure in the Gospels found by those who fear Him and have found God's Mercy through Faith in the Cross of Christ.

### **Luke 1:50**

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

Scriptures testify of Christ in each generation or we are holding the Scriptures out of their Righteous context.

**John 5:39**

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Church walking in the Fear of The Lord and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 9:31**

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

The Fear of The Lord and The Holy Spirit work together for the purpose of Cross-centered growth, and know this, there is absolutely NO growth outside of Faith in the Cross of Christ for the Child of God.

In the God Given Pauline Revelation which is critical we see the following along with Old Testament Light as well.

All of God's Words are in Righteousness and His Righteousness is only revealed in the Gospel. This is a paramount Truth which if you ever accept it and look through it, it will change everything about your Bible study and in the process, you will find your Lord changing you.

**Proverbs 8:8**

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

**Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Justice and mercy meet.

**Romans 3:19-26**

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Law fulfilled through Christ.

**Romans 8:3-4**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Christ crucified, the Wisdom of God.

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Let us now look at why our Lord “ALWAYS” delivers us to the death of Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 4:11-12**

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

It is because The Fear of The Lord is sustained exclusively through a continual Faith in the Cross of Christ. The Fear of The Lord is experienced exclusively as one fights the good fight of Faith maintaining their Faith in that which allowed

God to forgive and to continue to forgive them, which is The Cross of Christ.

**Psalm 130:3-4**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But **there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**

In Hebrews we see even more of the beauty of this great Treasure of Truth.

Let us fear lest we fall short and let us recognize the connection to the Gospel and faith mixed with it in this next verse.

**Hebrews 4:1-2**

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Boldness through blood.

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

When we are receiving Grace through Faith in the Cross of

Christ, we will be found serving God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

**Hebrews 12:28-29**

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Look at the Sinai terror contrasted with the New Covenant which gives the Believer a moral reverence through Faith in Christ and His Cross. That scene of old was a fear of God, but that is not the same as The Fear "OF" The Lord. The Fear of The Lord is a moral reverence within the heart at the reception of the revelation of God's forgiveness, which is the revelation of who God is and what He did in His Son on the Cross for man.

**Hebrews 12:25-26**

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

The Fear of The Lord is the moral reverence for the Lord which causes our conduct to be carried out in fear because we walk according to our Redemption according to the Blood of Jesus.

**1 Peter 1:17-19**

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;  
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

## **8. THE Fear of The Lord IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Let's look at some Key New Testament expressions of this very topic to help us see the urgency.

The Fear of The Lord and the Comfort of The Spirit

### **Acts 9:31**

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were **edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost,** were multiplied.

Submission between husbands and wives and Christian relationships require the Fear of The Lord.

### **Ephesians 5:21**

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

As well there is no perfecting holiness outside of the fear of God.

### **2 Corinthians 7:1**

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Fear and trembling as God works in us

### **Philippians 2:12-13**

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Serving in singleness of heart, fearing God

### **Colossians 3:22**

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

The Fear of The Lord flows from grace, not law.

Jesus tasted death by the Grace of God so that we could Believe upon Jesus Christ receiving the forgiveness of God and The Fear of The Lord.

### **Hebrews 2:9**

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

### **Psalms 130:3-4**

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

In the Garden of Eden when the Fear of The Lord was lost the terrors of Sin entered. That was when our Faithful God brought the Truth of His Promised Redeemer to man and sacrifice began. At that point The Fear of The Lord would be

linked to the Blood sacrifice which pointed to Jesus Christ and His Cross and remains today.

Mount Sinai was fear without faith, while Faith in the Cross of Christ is Fear moving us because of proper Faith.

The Fear of The Lord is the Spirit-produced reverence born when the heart sees God's holiness, righteousness, and mercy perfectly revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.