



A Holy Fear

Scripture: Psalm 36:1-2

Series: Dear Church

We need is to understand His _____, and yet also live with a very _____ of God.

_____ God + _____ God = _____ fearing God.

Fear of God is a beautiful things filled with _____ and _____.

- Proverbs 9:10
- Proverbs 14:27
- Proverbs 22:4

When I have a reverent fear of God I will _____ God.

- Genesis 22
- The greatest _____ of a reverent fear of God is _____ obedience to God.
- The fear of the Lord is an ongoing _____ of my heart that moves me to _____, over and over again to obey God when it would be _____ to do something else.

Big Question: In what area of your life are you not fearing and not obeying God?

Start talking.

- What's your gut definition of fearing God? How does the word "fear" make you feel about God?

Start thinking.

- Do you think the Western perspective of fearing God is any different from a biblical perspective? Explain how it is or isn't.
- Does your life reflect your understanding of God as a loving Father, or a righteous Judge? Do you think you need more balance? If so, how?
- How do you think you'd respond if God asked you to do something crazy like what He asked of Abraham and Isaac?

Start sharing.

- Have you ever customized to what extent you obey God? Share a story. How did it work out?
- Share a story of a time when your fear of the Lord led to a wise decision, a fuller life, success, honor, or health.
- In what area of your life are you not fearing and not obeying God? What are you going to do about it?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, help us to know You as Father, Friend, and Consuming Fire. Holy Spirit, reveal my broken places and give me the strength to submit them for healing. Thank You, Jesus, for making this possible.

Keep digging. Dig into more Scriptures

- Proverbs 8:13
- Psalm 25:14
- Luke 1:50
- Philippians 2:12-13

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Grow your love + respect for God by reading this Psalms and Proverbs Bible Plan go2.ic/psalmsproverbs.
- Write down two or three action steps you'll take to fear the Lord in a way you haven't been. Share them with the group, and begin living them out.