

**Conquering the Fear of Man**  
**When People are Big and God is Small**  
**Chapters 6-12**

1. Chapters Six & Seven: The first step in conquering the fear of man is to understand and grow in the fear of the Lord

- Focus on the holiness of God and the fact that he is transcendent.
- We avoid the fear of the Lord by downgrading obedience. We must concentrate not only on actions but also our attitude. Is it right before the Lord.
- Read and meditate of the Word of God to learn the fear of the Lord. Good passages are the last four chapters of Job, Ps 33:8-9, Ps 93:3-4, Ex 19:9, Ps 104:3, Ps 104:4, Ps 135:7, Ps 8:3-4
- Read passages that illustrate what we have as we learn to fear the Lord
  - Pr 19:23: it overcomes the fear of man and trouble
  - Pr 14:26: it brings security
  - Pr 15:16: it brings contentment
- Read passages that focus on specific aspects of God
  - Creation: Ps 8,19,65,104
  - His enthronement: Ps 95-97; 99
  - Providence: Ps 139, the book of Habakkuk
- In Isaiah see how the knowledge of God was the first step in his liberation from the fear of man

2. Chapter Eight: The second step is to examine where your desires have been too big. If we fear people our desires tend to grow and become larger and larger

- The most popular view of people
  - Each of us have certain lists on needs that we strive to have met
  - Two basic needs are to receive love and have significance. If these needs are not met we feel empty
  - These needs must be filled and they can be filled by looking to people or to Christ.
- Welch talks about these needs as:
  - Biological needs for physical life
  - Spiritual needs for spiritual life, faith, obedience
  - Psychological needs to be fulfilled in happiness and acceptance