

Lesson 9

The Ramifications of Fearing God

“Faithfulness is ultimately the fruit of fearing God”

Review:

~ Essential ingredients of the fear of God (Albert N. Martin *“The Forgotten Fear”*)

- Correct concepts of the _____ of God
~ Who God is!
 - God is majestic in Holiness (Rev 15:2-4; Isa 6:1-3)
 - God is incomprehensible in Immensity (Isa 40:12-26; 1 Kings 8:27)
 - God is unrivaled in Sovereignty (Ps 115:3; Acts 2:23, 4:23-31, 17:22-31)

- Pervasive sense of the _____ of God
~ That God is here!
 - God is personally Imminent (Isa 66:1-2)
 - God is intimately Omniscient (Psa 139:1-12)
 - God is pervasively Omnipresent (Jerm 23:23-24)
 - *Consider some personal applications
(Ps 23:4; 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Heb 12:18-29)

- Constraining awareness of our _____ to God
~ What He requires!
 - To Love Him Supremely (Mt 22:37-38)
 - To obey Him Implicitly (Jn 15:14; Acts 5:29)
 - To Trust Him Completely (Heb 11:6; Phil 2:12)

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~ The fear of God is often directly connected to godly conduct or behavior (Job 1:1)

- The fear of God and _____ (2 Cor 7:1; 2 Tim 2:19)

- The fear of God and _____ (Ps 5:7; Heb 12:28-29)

- The fear of God and _____ (Ps 2:11; Col 3:22-25; Eph 6:6)

- The fear of God and _____ (Prov 3:7; Isa 6:5)

- The fear of God and _____ (2 Cor 5:11)

- The fear of God and _____ (Prov 23:17)
- The fear of God and _____ (Eph 5:21)
- The fear of God and _____ (Lev 19:14)
- The fear of God and _____ (Ex 14:31)
- The fear of God and _____ (1 Pet 1:17)

~ Who God is should determine how we think-speak-live-worship! (Heb 12:28-29)

- The holiness of God should drive us to _____ (Ex 6:1-6; Isa 6:1-9)
- The omnipotence of God should drive us to _____ (Ex 14:31; Rev 15:3-4)
- The greatness of God should drive us to _____ (Ps 89:6-7; Ps 33:1-9; Job 42:5-6)
- The wisdom of God should drive us to _____ (Ps 139:1-18; Rom 11:33-36)
- The justice of God should drive us to a _____ (Lk 12:5; Acts 17:30-31; Rom 11:20-22)
- The love of God should drive us to a _____ (Ps 130:3-4; Prov 14:27)
- The sovereignty of God should drive us _____ (Dan 3:16-30; Acts 4:23-31)
- The name of God should drive us to _____ (Dt 28:58; 2 Tim 2:19)
- The presence of God should drive us to a _____ (Ps 139:1-24; Gen 28:17)
- The goodness of God should drive us to a _____ (Ps 34:8-10; Jerm 33:8-9)

“Take away the fear of God from any profession of godliness, and all that is left is the stinking carcass of pharisaism, barren religiosity, or calculated hypocrisy.” Albert N. Martin

Homework:

1. We have been considering the biblical fear of God which is the soul of godliness but there is another fear that is a great barrier to godliness. Read Matt 10:28 & Lk 12:4-5 and describe in your own words the two kinds of fear being referenced here by Christ.

Who is Christ speaking to and why He is telling them this?

Now read Isa 8:11-13 and see if you can identify those same two types of fear in these verses.

Explain what was happening to Isaiah and why was he being tempted to fear wrongly?

2. Read Gen 12:10-20 and identify the fear that Abraham has here. Does this come up again in his life? (Read Gen 20:1-13)

How was this kind of negative fear displayed in Abraham’s son Isaac? (Read Gen 26:6-8)

Do you see this same negative fear in the life of Aaron? (Read Ex 32:21-24) How did that impair his leadership and impact his people?

Do you see this kind of fear in Elijah? (Read 1 Kings 19:1-3)

Explain from the context surrounding these men what had just happened in both the life of Aaron and Elijah before these incidents of ungodly fear. What can we learn from these examples as instructed by 1 Cor 10:11?

3. Now consider the life of Peter who was the lead Apostle by reading these accounts: Mt 26:31-35, 69-75; Mk 14:27-31, 66-72; Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; Jn 18:15-18, 25-27.

Did he demonstrate this ungodly fear and if so how?

Explain in your own words why he would have such fear and where that ultimately led him. Did Peter learn anything from all of this? (Read 1 Pet 2:13-25; 3:8-17; 4:12-19; 5:6-11)

Demonstrate how Peter had learned the difference between Godly fear and ungodly fear.

Where in these passages do you see him mention these two different types of fear?

4. Do you have this kind of ungodly fear in your life? Explain what it looks like and how it is triggered.

What is the remedy to this sinful reality? How do you and must you fight against this ungodly fear? Can you give some Scripture to support your battle plan for fighting this type of dangerous fear in your life?

Memory Verse : 2 Cor 7:1