

Lesson 10

Is There a Wrong Kind of Fear?

“There is a fear that drives you away and a fear that draws you in!”

Review: *How Does the Fear of God Change our Walk with God?*

- 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; Jer 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

Questions to Consider:

1. Read Gen 3:1-10 and consider the kind of fear exhibited by Adam and Eve. Is this a godly or ungodly fear? Explain why.

Now read Rev 21:8 who is the first person in the category listed whose final destination will be the lake of fire that burns with fire and brimstone?

In this context, what is meant by the “cowardly” and what is the result of this cowardliness?

Are there any connections between this passage and Gen 3?

2. After reading Rev 21:8 and contemplating the ungodly fear referenced as “the cowardly,” now read Rev 6:12-17 and explain why fear of these people is clearly ungodly.

What drives this fear (consider verse 17)?

Also, read Rev 9:1-6 and 9:20-21 and explain what were the ultimate results of having an ungodly fear?

See also Rev 16:8-11 and 16:17-21. Explain how these people responded to the wrath of God?

Now consider how the Gospel is proclaimed throughout the heavens during those days as declared in Rev 14:6-7.

What is the difference between an ungodly fear of God and a godly fear of God?
Remember Ex 20:18-21!

3. We have studied deeply how critical the biblical fear of the Lord is to godliness. Explain in your own words why this is so important to rightfully walking with God. Give some specific verses to support and guide your thoughts.

Think and look back over the many previous lessons and pick out some of the verses that have helped you the most as you “train yourself to godliness.”

4. Did Jesus biblically fear the Lord? Consider Isaiah 11:1-3 and give some examples how this fear of the Lord was manifested in His life. You might be helped by looking at Matt 4:1-11 and Mt 26:36-46 among many other passages.

What is God's ultimate plan for your life (Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:10)?

As you pursue Christ (Phil 3:1-14; Col 3:1-4) do you think you will grow in the fear of the Lord? If so, what will this look like in your life? How will this manifest itself in your walk with God and others? Give some biblical verses to support your answer!

Memory Verse: Isa 66:2