

Lesson 11
Fear of God

1. We have learned about the fear of God, the fear of man, and another fear. Read 1 John 4:18 and consider what kind of fear John references in this text.

Does this verse cancel out all the other Scriptures you have learned that command and exhort the believer to fear the Lord?

Read also Rom 8:15 and 2 Tim 1:7 as you grapple with this question clarify what kind of fear this is.

As you have learned there are different types of fear in the Bible. Where does this fear come from and what does this fear produce in the life of people who have it? See also Heb 2:14-15 and Matt 25:24-25.

Contemplate and explain how Ps 130:3-4 deals with the kind of fear mentioned in 1 Jn 4:18, but also calls us or instigates the biblical fear we have been studying.

2. The fear of man is a peculiar and problematic sin for all of us. Read 1 Kings 18:1-16 and consider the man Obadiah and his fear of God which he had from his youth (1 Kings 18: 3,12).

Who was Obadiah connected with or whose house was he in charge of?

What fruit did Obadiah's great fear manifest?

Consider Obadiah's questions for Elijah. Was it wrong for him to ask what asked Elijah?

Now read 1 Kings 19:1-18. Consider Elijah's fear of Jezebel. How could he go from fearless before the prophets of Baal and Ahab to scared of a woman? What is the ultimate remedy to this fear of man?

How do you see this same reality and struggle of duplicity in your own life? What are doing about it?

Read Proverbs 23:17 and explain what it means to be zealous for or continue in the fear of the Lord all the day.

Now, consider a detailed plan to maintain and increase in your fear of the Lord. Give five specific steps you are doing or will do that will help foster the biblical fear of the Lord. Look over your notes and all the verses we have discussed because there are way more than five steps that you could list. Also, give specific verses that explain and or demonstrate your plan for protecting the fear of God in your life. Put thought into this and write it out!

Memory Verse: Proverbs 29:25