

## A People Who Fear the Lord

### Selected Scriptures

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A fear of the Lord is the starting point and the basic building block of true knowledge, of wisdom, and of the faithful Christian life (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 2 Cor. 5:11), whereas not fearing God is one of the many ways that unbelievers are characterized (Rom. 3:18). Sometimes shaking in fear is emphasized, whether as a general fear of the awesome power of God (cf. Dan. 6:26) or specifically at the thought of future judgment (Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:10), but merely trembling in fear before His power is not the fear of the Lord (cf. 2 Ki. 17:24-28). The fear of the Lord is an informed (Deut. 4:10) and awe-filled (Jer. 5:22) affectionate (Ps. 130:4) reverence for (Lev. 25:17), reliance upon (Isa. 50:10), and submission to (Deut. 5:29) the Triune God (Jer. 32:40).
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Important to growing in your fear of the Lord is remembering that a proper fear of the Lord is never outgrown because it is both the basis and the lifeblood of the Christian faith (cf. Prov. 1:7; 9:10; cf. Prov. 3:7; 8:13a; Ps. 128:1). Setting up unique and special times to focus on God and His ways (Deut. 31:10-13) is as vital as fixing your eyes upon the Lord in the monotony of your daily routine (cf. Deut. 6:5-9). The Christian who desires to grow in our fear of the Lord is to learn about God from those who know the fear of the Lord and who can teach about what He has done (Deut. 6:1-2). The faithful disciple should also commit himself or herself to a dedicated regimen of personally reading and studying the Scriptures (Deut. 17:18-20; cf. Ps. 119:38).
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Fear of the Lord is what keeps a Christian's feet firmly rooted in faithfulness to Christ. Fear of God is manifested in many ways in the Christian life:
  - A. Worship of the Lord (Deut 6:13; Josh 24:14; Acts 10:2; Rev. 14:7)
  - B. Work attitude (Col. 3:22)
  - C. A devotion to Christian fellowship (Acts 9:31)
  - D. Turning away from evil (Job 1:1, 8; Prov. 16:6)
  - E. Obeying God's commands (Gen. 22:12; Deut. 13:4; Ecc 12:13; 2 Cor. 7:1)
  - F. Hatred and avoidance of evil (Ex 20:20; Prov. 3:7; 8:13)
  - G. Love of neighbor (Lev. 25:17)
  - H. Defying Wicked Commands (Ex. 1:17, 21)