

**Introduction:**

- Part three of Learning to Fear the Lord
- There is so much in the Word on the Fear of the Lord—it's amazing that we do not hear more about this subject.
- Tonight we specifically will look at "How do we walk it out?"

**I. Walking In The Fear of The Lord** *"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."* (Acts 9:31, ESV) What does it mean to walk in the fear of the Lord?

- A. Walking - Greek - poreúomai - 'to set in motion, to convey, to journey.
- B. *"The message of the OT is that one should go on God's way, not as a way that leads to God, but as a mode of life that one should live as a member of the covenant people.* Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). TDNT (p. 916). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

**II. Walking in the fear of the Lord is to hate evil.** *"The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate."* (Proverbs 8:13, ESV)

- A. Hebrew - Saneh - hate - *"The verb s̄ānē and its derivatives have the root meaning—"to hate."*
1. *It expresses an emotional attitude toward persons and things which are opposed, detested, despised and with which one wishes to have no contact or relationship.*
  2. *It is therefore the opposite of love. Whereas love draws and unites, hate separates and keeps distant."* (1999). [2272 נָשָׂא](#). R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 880). Chicago: Moody Press. *May we be separated from evil.*
- B. David agrees with God (He too hates evil!) That agreement is walking out or walking in the fear of the Lord. Ie. Have you ever had an encounter with evil and just hated it. ALS neighbor, seeing to many people die of cancer, etc.

**III. Walking in the fear of the Lord is to live free of lack.** *"Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."* (Psalm 34:9-10, ESV)

- A. Fear of the Lord and seeking God are compared as the same.
- B. To walk in the fear of the Lord is to seek Him, trust Him, go to Him.

**IV. Walking in the fear of the Lord comes from both the heart and not the head.**

- A. From the heart.
1. It is not what we do for God but what He has done for us. Been forgiven much you love much. This is a heart issue. To walk in the fear of the Lord is to imply that one is born again, has become a new creation in Christ.
  2. *"Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God."* (2 Corinthians 7:1, ESV)

3. To complete development of holiness. The KJV reads 'perfecting holiness.' A person who fears God will live holy. Live holy out of a reverence or fear of God... Out of thankfulness to God. Fear of the Lord, reverence of God, gratitude are all heart issues.
  4. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10
- B. From the head.
1. If the fear of the Lord can be taught, then a good mind will seek to grow in the fear of the Lord. It will choose to be 'schooled!'
  2. *"My son"* a phrase used often in Proverbs is about learning the statutes and precepts of the teacher. They are about applying the truths that are learned.
  3. Transformation is intentional. You have to choose what you shall be transformed into.
    - a) It takes thought.
    - b) It takes study and personal application. Ie. Our first water color lessons.
  4. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (facts). Proverbs 1:7
- C. When we walk in the fear of the Lord our heart and head are engaged. The total man is responding to God.

#### V. Walking in the fear of the Lord will reflect submission on many levels.

- A. Submission to one another.
1. As believers. *"And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."* (Ephesians 5:21, NLT)
  2. Husbands submit to God. Wives submit to husbands. Eph 5:22-28. If we would submit to each other in the fear of the Lord, there would not be any divorce.
    - a) If I live Christ like, and walk like Christ that solves so many problems! Marriage is more than learning a techniques. It is dying to self and walking like Christ did.
    - b) If we honored the Word we would treat our spouses differently!
    - c) It does not matter what family culture you came out of, if you honored Kingdom culture it would take priority and the blessings and success of God would come.
- B. Honoring parents.
1. *"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."* (Leviticus 19:3, ESV)
  2. 5th command honor father and mother.
- C. Honoring the aged. *"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."* (Leviticus 19:32, ESV)
- D. Employee and employer. This is literally talking of slaves. *"Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,"* (Colossians 3:22-23, ESV)
- E. Love people *"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"* (1 Peter 3:15, ESV)

**VI. To Tithe is to learn to walk in the Fear of the Lord.** *“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.” (Deuteronomy 14:22-23, ESV)*

**VII. Those who fear the Lord capture God’s attention.** Listen to Malachi, *“Then those whose lives honored (feared) God got together and talked it over. God saw what they were doing and listened in. A book was opened in God’s presence and minutes were taken of the meeting, with the names of the God-fearers written down, all the names of those who honored God’s name. God-of-the-Angel-Armies said, “They’re mine, all mine. They’ll get special treatment when I go into action. I treat them with the same consideration and kindness that parents give the child who honors them. Once more you’ll see the difference it makes between being a person who does the right thing and one who doesn’t, between serving God and not serving him.” Peterson, E. H. (2005). *Message Bible (Mal 3:16-18)*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.*

- A. Those who feared the Lord, God was paying close attention to them.
- B. Those who feared the Lord, God claims as His.
- C. Those who feared the Lord, received special treatment from God.
- D. Those who fear the Lord are different from those who do not.

**VIII. The Summary.** *“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13, ESV)*

**Conclusion:**

- *“Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.” (Proverbs 3:7-8, ESV)*