

The Lord's Treasure - Fear of the Lord - Notes

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Notes: The fear of the Lord is His treasure, containing more blessings than we can ever apprehend. But God's treasure is only with those who fulfill the conditions God has laid down in Scripture.

I. Facts About Fear of The Lord (fear of Yahweh or Yehovah)

A. The Fear of the Lord is His Treasure - *Isaiah 33:6 (HCSB) There will be times of security for you - a storehouse of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure.*

- Why did God place this Jewel of eight words, hidden at the end of this verse in Isaiah? God wants us to search for truth. *Deuteronomy 4:29 (HCSB) You will search for the Lord your God, and you will find Him when you seek Him with all your heart and all your soul.*
- God promises that we will find Him if we seek Him. *Proverbs 8:17 (HCSB) I love those who love me, and those who search for me find me.*
- Are you looking in the scriptures for the answers to your needs and problems? *Matthew 6:33 (HCSB) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.*
- Jesus told us the Secretes of The Kingdom of God were not to be known by everyone! *Matthew 13:11 (HCSB) 11 He answered them, "Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them.*
- Many today will have the energy to do everything but read and search the scriptures. If we only have laziness in one area (reading the strictures), this is not a natural laziness. It is SPIRITUAL LAZINESS, and its cause is the enmity of Satan who wants to keep you from the one thing that will help you through life and intimacy and closeness with God. Don't accept Satan's deception and become a Spiritual Pauper and fail in your walk with Jesus Christ as He leads us to His God and Our God. *2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (HCSB) But thanks be to God, who always puts us on display in Christ and through us spreads the aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

B. The fear of It is clean, enduring forever - *Psalms 19:9 (HCSB) The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are reliable and altogether righteous.*

C. Continue all day long in the fear of the Lord. *Proverbs 23:17 (HCSB) Don't let your heart envy sinners; instead, always fear the Lord.*

D. What the fear of the Lord is not. It is not the fear we feel from THIS world.

1. It is not natural fear – the fear of physical harm or danger. *2 Timothy 1:7 (HCSB) For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.*
2. It is not demonic or tormenting fear (there is an evil spirit of fear). *1 John 4:17 (HCSB)*

In this, love is perfected with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, for we are as He is in this world.

3. It is not fear of man – The Fear of the Lord DELIVERS us from the fear of man. It enables us to respect and honor our God – Yahweh.

E. What is the fear of the Lord?

1. Sometimes it can be a very powerful physical fear. For example when Moses, confronted with the glory of the Lord. *Hebrews 12:21 (HCSB) The appearance was so terrifying that Moses said, I am terrified and trembling.*
2. Awe; Awesome; Reverence – it is a response to God’s revelation towards us.
3. Submissiveness. An attitude of submission is an expression of the Fear of the Lord in our lives. Someone who is arrogant, proud, egotistical, or condescending; lacks the Fear of the Lord.
4. In a certain sense, what you fear is your god. *Genesis 31:42 (HCSB) If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, certainly now you would have sent me off empty-handed. But God has seen my affliction and my hard work, and He issued His verdict last night.” Genesis 31:53 (HCSB) The God of Abraham, and the gods of Nahor - the gods of their father - will judge between us.” And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.*

II. The Fear of The Lord in The Life of Jesus

A. Seven aspects of the Holy Spirit that rest on Jesus. The prophet described the mark of Israel’s promised Messiah. *Isaiah 11:1-2 (HCSB) Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him - a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*

1. **Spirit of the Lord** – the Spirit that speaks in the first person as God. *Acts 13:2 (HCSB) As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to.”*
2. **Wisdom**
3. **Understanding**
4. **Counsel**
5. **Might**
6. **Knowledge**
7. **Fear of the Lord**

B. The prophet Isaiah continues after listing the Seven Spirits and states that the **DELIGHT of Jesus Christ, our promised Messiah is in the fear of the Lord.** *Isaiah 11:3 (HCSB) His delight will be in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, He will not execute justice by what He hears with His ears, but He will judge the poor righteously and execute justice for the oppressed of the land. He will strike the land with discipline from His mouth, and He will kill the wicked with a command from His lips.,*

III. Conditions We Must Fulfill to Experience the Fear of the Lord

A. It must be taught – we must LISTEN to the Holy Spirit’s teaching. *Psalms 34:11-12*

(HCSB) Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who delights in life, loving a long life to enjoy what is good?

1. The fear of the Lord is manifested first in our speech. The way we use our tongues and our lips. **James 1:19-21 (HCSB) My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness. Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and evil, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save you. James 1:26 (HCSB) If anyone thinks he is religious without controlling his tongue, then his religion is useless and he deceives himself.**
2. Keep your tongue from evil and lips from speaking guile. **Psalm 34:13 (HCSB) Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceitful speech.**

B. You must choose the fear of the Lord.

1. God will not restrain His judgments if you do not choose fear of the Lord. **Proverbs 1:25-26 (HCSB) Since you neglected all my counsel and did not accept my correction, I, in turn, will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when terror strikes you.**
2. Fools despise wisdom. **Proverbs 1:7 (HCSB) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.**
3. Depart from evil, have no self-trust. **Proverbs 3:7 (HCSB) Don't consider yourself to be wise; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.**

IV. Some of The Things The Fear of The Lord Will Do for You

- A. Fear of the Lord is incompatible with evil and is grounded in Truth and Wisdom. **Job 28:28 (HCSB) He said to mankind, "The fear of the Lord is this: wisdom. And to turn from evil is understanding."**
- B. God teaches those who fear Him. **Psalm 25:12 (HCSB) Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will show him the way he should choose.**
- C. God shares His secrets with those who fear Him and shows His covenant. **Psalm 25:14 (HCSB) The secret counsel of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He reveals His covenant to them.**
- D. You will live longer **Proverbs 10:27 (HCSB) The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.**
- E. You will have strong confidence. **Proverbs 14:26 (HCSB) In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children have a refuge.**
- F. It leads to life and satisfaction. **Proverbs 19:23 (HCSB) The fear of the Lord leads to life; one will sleep at night without danger.**
- G. It is a fountain of life. **Proverbs 14:27 (HCSB) The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning people away from the snares of death.**
- H. Riches and honor and life. The Fear of the Lord is the remedy for all types of pride. **Proverbs 22:4 (HCSB) The result of humility is fear of the Lord, along with wealth, honor, and life.**

V. Fear of the Lord in the Life of God's People

- A. Serve with fear; rejoice with trembling. **Psalm 2:11 (HCSB) Serve the Lord with**

reverential awe and rejoice with trembling.

- B. Walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit – we are edified and multiplied. Fear of the Lord and the Comfort of the Holy Spirit may appear INCOMPATIBLE, but this is a supernatural act of God. *Acts 9:31 (HCSB) So the church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, being built up and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, and it increased in numbers.*
- C. Spouses are submissive to each other first. Also wives to their husbands. *Ephesians 4:21-22 (HCSB) Assuming you heard about Him and were taught by Him, because the truth is in Jesus. You took off[a] your former way of life, the old self[b] that is corrupted by deceitful desires.*
- D. “Be holy as I am holy”: People redeemed by the blood—conduct yourselves in fear. *1 Peter 1:15-19 (HCSB) But as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy. And if you address as Father the One who judges impartially based on each one’s work, you are to conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your temporary residence. For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.*

VI. How to receive the fear of the Lord. *Proverbs 2:2-15 (HCSB) My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, listening closely to wisdom and directing your heart to understanding; furthermore, if you call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up success for the upright; He is a shield for those who live with integrity so that He may guard the paths of justice and protect the way of His loyal followers. Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity - every good path. 10 For wisdom will enter your mind, and knowledge will delight your heart. Discretion will watch over you, and understanding will guard you, rescuing you from the way of evil - from the one who says perverse things, from those who abandon the right paths to walk in ways of darkness, from those who enjoy doing evil and celebrate perversion, whose paths are crooked, and whose ways are devious.*

- A. Receiving the Fear of the Lord is Conditional.
1. Receive God’s Word and treasure His commands
 2. Incline your ear: Be teachable
 3. Cry out / passionate prayer
 4. Seek diligently / motivated search
- B. THEN
1. You will understand the fear of the Lord
 2. Find the knowledge of God
 3. Fear and knowledge cannot be separated
- C. Ask God to impart the fear of the Lord.