

Why Are We Supposed To Fear God?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 “... *Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.*” NKJV

But aren’t we supposed to love Him?

The Fear of The LORD is ...

- The beginning of wisdom
 - **Psalm 111:10** *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever."*
- To Hate evil
 - **Proverbs 8:13** *"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. "*
- Strong confidence
 - **Proverbs 14:26** *"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. "*
- A fountain of life
 - **Proverbs 14:27** *"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death. "*

The Reasons To Fear God Are:

- **Ecclesiastes 12:14** "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."
- **1 Samuel 12:24** "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."
- **Psalms 130:4** "If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. "
- **Joshua 4:23-24** "for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."¹

Godly Fear Brings

- Help to avoid sin
 - **Exodus 20:20** *"And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.""*
- Mercy and pity of God
 - **Psalm 103:11,13** *"For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; "*
 - **13** *"As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. "*
- Blessings of God
 - **Psalm 115:13** *"He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great. "*
- Acceptance by God
 - **Acts 10:35** *"But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."*

Do Not Fear This World

- **Matthew 8:23-26** *"Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm."*
- **1Samuel 15:24** *"Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice."*
- **Matthew 10:28** *"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*