

Benefits of operating in the fear of the LORD are:

By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honor, and life, **Proverbs 22:4**.

The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death, **Proverbs 14:27**.

he fear of the LORD prolongs days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened, **Proverbs 10:27**.

The fear of the LORD *tends* to life: and *he that has it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil, **Proverbs 19:23**.

For the kingdom concept of “the fear of the LORD”; is clean, enduring forever, involving the LORD's righteous judgments.

The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether, **Psalms 19:9**.

However, we must desire to seek it out for ourselves, and the Lord Himself will teach us.

⁴ If thou seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hid treasures;

⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God, **Proverbs 2:4-5**.

⁹ O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear Him. ¹⁰ The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*,¹¹ Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD, **Psalms 34:9-11**.

Men's vain philosophies to explain it away.

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *Me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men: **Isaiah 29:13**.

Here, we address the most common phrases used “reverential fear,” by using this phrase people are attempting to, sanitize, minimize or nullify the kingdom principle. In the scriptures we have gone over, we do not see the word reverence, rather we see the phrase linked with wisdom, understanding and fleeing evil and its darkness.

New Testament scriptures and accounts.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, **2nd Corinthians 7:1**.

²⁸ Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire, **Hebrews 12:28**.

The account of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts chapter 5, shows us and warns us of how dangerous it is when we attempt to combine the dark deeds of the world, when moving in the power of the light.

So, what is “the fear of the LORD,” and how do we keep it?

It's recorded in two Gospels how and what we are to fear.

But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after he has killed has power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him, **Luke 12:5 {Matthew 10:28}**.

Whether we abide in the “fear of the Lord” also affects God. God's fear is that He, as the righteous Judge, would be required to judge one of His creations, made in His own image and likeness, as being unrighteous, and condemn them into eternal damnation, for God wishes that not one should perish, **2nd Peter 3:9**.

Yes; when the scripture speaks of fear, it truly does mean “fear.” For the above scripture is entirely directed to mankind.

So, where does this leave us?

We can either make this “fear” into something that becomes beneficial to us or detrimental to us.

- We can fear becoming overtaken by the darkness, and being judged unrighteous; Thus (perfecting holiness).
or
- We can fear the righteous Judge, (as we play around in the darkness) and simply just hope for the best.

Thus, we can liken abiding in “the fear of the LORD” to fearing to be apart from God and out of the light. For the alternative is being left to confront the darkness, with the possibility that someday the darkness may overtake us.

A prayer to understand and abide in the light.

Lord, I come to You humbly in prayer, to exalt, glorify, and praise Your name. You are my Lord and my God and the most important person in my life. Great is Your loving kindness towards me, and I will proclaim and magnify Your name forevermore. I thank you and acknowledge that You are with me in all seasons of my life, and it's for that reason that I have great hope, comfort, peace and stability in my life.

I thank you, Father, that all of the gifts you have for us, and the ways that we are to walk are good and for our benefit, for walking in the fear of the LORD can be likened to walking in the light, where the darkness cannot overtake us. Father, grant me wisdom, as it says in James 1:5, that as I search Your Word I may also gain understanding of Your kingdom principles and see the benefit of each and every one of them.

I ask and pray this in the wonderful and majestic name of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

UNDERSTANDING the Fear of the Lord

Understanding and abiding in “the fear of the LORD” is an essential kingdom concept. But, because of the word “fear,” the church has created a man-made doctrine to explain it, even before looking into what scripture says about it. This may have been done for several different reasons, but the main one being able to explain away any reason to be in fear of a loving God who is the essence of love.

Thus, before we build a scripture foundation about the fear of the LORD, we will reinforce those attributes of God.

God is a Spirit of love, ([John 4:24](#)), & ([1st John 4:8](#)).

And perfect love casts out fear, ([1st John 4:18](#)).

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, ([2nd Timothy 1:7](#)).

Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusts in Thee, [Isaiah 26:3](#).

We'll now look at how scripture uses and defines the phrase “the fear of the LORD.” for the Bible will always define itself.

The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate, [Proverbs 8:13](#).

Scripture tells us to gain wisdom, along with the understanding to depart from evil (*the snares of death*).

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil, [Proverbs 16:6](#).

The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death, [Proverbs 14:27](#).

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding, [Job 28:28](#).