

The Fear of the Lord

PART: one

Introduction

The church is in need of a real revelation of the fear of God.

Our conduct and our way of life depend on our relationship with the Lord, and how we fear or do not fear him.

Let us look at the scriptures and what they say to us about our “fearing the Lord.”

FIRST: Gen. 20:11

And Abraham said; “because I thought surely, the fear of God is not in this place;” and they will kill me on account of my wife.

When we do not fear God as we should, it is possible to allow things to go on in our lives that would not if we had a greater sense of “the fear of the Lord.”

We do things unlawful because we do not understand the “fear of the Lord”.
(Recognize God’s awareness)

Abraham thought he could tell a half truth and be no consequences because he thought God’s presence was not in this place.

SECOND: Exodus 1:17

But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

The midwives feared God more than the King.

Kept God’s law

Obeded God completely

The answer to abortion is not more laws but a fear of God, which our society and this includes some who claim to be a part of the body of Christ.

Sin abounds in any nation where there is no fear of God.

Our nation needs a fresh fear of God.

What is the Fear of the Lord?

Lu.18:2-5

To fear God is to regard him and his word as the final authority.

Let me make this proposal to you.

Without a fresh revelation of “the fear of the Lord,” we will never see the glory of God.

THIRD: Acts 2:42-43

And they continued steadfast in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers,

Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

First: fear came upon the believers.

Second: the wonders followed the fear of the Lord.

KEY: We must fear God first
Obey his word
Expect God to manifest His presence

FORTH: Acts 5:1-12 (11)

“So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things”.

1. They had kept back part of the proceeds.

2. They attempted to deceive the apostles.
3. They allowed Satan to fill their hearts to sin.
4. They lied to God the Holy Spirit.
5. They died in their sin.

All the people who heard these things feared God.
(Verse 5)

All these who heard these things feared God.
(Verse 11)

Fear of God produced great things.

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all in one accord in Solomon's Porch.

1. The fear of the Lord brought correction.
2. The fear of the Lord brought unity among the believers.
3. The fear of the Lord brought signs and wonders.

FIFTH: Acts 9:31

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Saul is converted

Saul is changed

Saul is called

Saul is strengthened

Saul is obedient

Saul is accepted

Saul is protected

Saul becomes bold

The church received Saul

1. They had peace
2. They were edified
3. They were walking in the fear of the Lord. (Way of life)
4. They were comforted by the Holy Spirit (relationship and communion)
5. They were multiplied in number (The body of Christ increased)

It was not their gifts

It was not their talents

It was not their ability

But their “fear of the Lord” that they were walking in brought great results.

SIXTH: Eph. 5:21

Scripture tells us, submitting to one another in the fear of the God.

Where there is the Fear of God,

There is no contention,

There is no resistance,

There is no strife.

There is reverence,

There is mutual respect,

There is thankfulness,

There is love.

To be filled with the Spirit of God, as we walk in the fear of the Lord.

A. Heart for God.

B. Spirit of submission

C. Cause of unity.

SEVENTH: Phil.2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Scriptures tell us, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (v13)

1. Don't take your salvation for granted.

2. Work out your salvation consciously

3. Working out our salvation includes:

A. Our calling in life

B. Our purpose for being alive

C. The gifts God has bestowed on us

D. The destiny of our lives

Paul is a classic example: Acts 9; 22; 26

EIGHTH: Col. 3:22-24

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

We serve because of “the fear of God” in our lives.

Serving the Lord

Serving in the Body of Christ

Serving in the work place

Serving those in authority

We will receive our reward

NINETH: Eccl. 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,

For this is man’s all.

14. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

FEAR OF GOD:

1. Awesome reverence of His presence.
2. Dedicated respect for the things of God.

- A. His word
 - B. His people
 - C. His leaders
 - D. His work in others
 - E. His ways, plans, purposes, and principles
 - F. His name
3. Obedience to what He wants regardless of the cost.
- A. Not my ways, but His ways
 - B. Not my will, but His will be done
 - C. Not my desires, but His desires fulfilled

God, I give you what you desire, not what is convenient.

FIVE THINGS PREVENT THE FEAR OF GOD:

1. Danger of casualness
2. Lack of the sense of God's presence
3. Dullness caused by spiritual contamination
4. Familiarity to spiritual thing can devastate us
5. No revelation of "the fear of God"

Isaiah 6:1-5

Rev. 3:18

Gold- the real thing

Clothes- righteousness

Eye salve- revelation

When God opens our eyes to the truth we will experience revelation of “The Fear of the Lord”

It will produce in us, The Spirit of the fear of the Lord!

CLASSIC EXAMPLE: Apostle Paul, Acts 26:19

I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Why? Because he feared God.

1. Let us pray, “The Fear of God” returns to our hearts as in the early church.
2. May the power of God also accompany the fear of God and do great things among us!

CONCLUSION : Psalms 34:7-11

7. “The Angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them”.

8. Oh, taste and see that the lord is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

9.”Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him”.

10. The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

First: Fear the Lord, reverence for him, final authority in your life.

Second: Brings the Angel of the Lord to those who fear Him.

Third: The Lord delivers. (Psalms 34:12-22)

