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*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 1:7

Why is a person who fears God contrasted with a fool?

Is it foolish to not fear God?

Do you fear God?

“It seems like what I’d read in the Bible was pretty different from what I’d experience in a church building,
in a church service.”

Do you experience a disconnect between what you see in church and what you see in the Bible?

Name some areas of disconnection.

Who are you going to believe?

“As people would say certain things are unpopular, the church would almost get embarrassed of those things,
like embarrassed of certain doctrines, maybe even embarrassed at the way God described Himself.”

What words comes to mind when you think of how God describes himself?

What words do you use to describe God to others?

Or do you even bother?

“One of the biggest issues that you see in Scripture is this idea of the fear of God.”

Make a list of some of the ways you relate to God.

Rank them.

Where does fear rank on that list?

Do you think you relate to God the way He wants you to relate to Him?

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.*

Psalms 111:10

“In church, we started going ... let’s talk about the other areas of God. But if we skip the fear of God,
we won’t understand the other areas.”

Does the idea of fearing God make you uncomfortable?

"And when people came in contact with this God, it didn't look like just a respect or an awe ... it sure appears that they are terrified."

What terrifies you? Are you terrified of God? Do you want to be terrified of God?

What would it take for you to be terrified of God?

Is it possible to fear something so much that you are paralyzed?

Can you be paralyzed and still know God?

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Isaiah 6:5

Imagine you saw God ... today ... right now.

Would you respond to God as Isaiah did?

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead.

Revelation 1:17a

Would the sight of Jesus standing before you cause you to fall to the floor as if you were dead?

How do you think you would react?

"It's really weird to me how nowadays people talk about God with such an arrogance."

Do you have any arrogance when it comes to your relationship with God?

Stop. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any arrogance in your heart.

Repent of what He shows you.

"The reality is, whoever you are, the moment you see God, you are going to fear Him."

Do you believe that?

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah 6:5-7

How did God calm Isaiah's fear?

Does God do the same for you?

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:17

How did Jesus calm John's fears?

Does Jesus calm your fears?

"I am this amazing God that you ought to fear, but once you get to that point, you don't have to fear Me."

Have you ever felt trapped by your fear, with seemingly nowhere to turn?

Where did you turn?

Did you turn to the one whom you feared?

What, then shall we say in response to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

What would it take for you to believe God is for you?

Are you willing to claim and live out of that truth daily?

How would your life look different if you did?

Do you see yourself as God's child? His friend?

Do you see yourself as part of the church, His bride?

How would your life change if you saw yourself the way God sees you?

What will it take for you to exhale, to just let go?

Why haven't you done it yet?

"Then we would see, okay, now I know why I need to fear this God. And now I don't want to just flippantly disobey His commands anymore. I want to take Him seriously, but not just that ... it would change our whole mindset, 'cause we'd realize, now that I've seen Him, I realize there's nothing else to fear."

The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 19:23

How does being content feel like floating?

How long are you able to stay that way?

What stops you?

“Without the fear of the Lord, you’re not gonna understand why you should follow Jesus. Without a proper understanding of the fear of the Lord, we wouldn’t understand the power that’s available to us through the Holy Spirit.”

Pray.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a real, genuine fear of God.

Can you do that? Are you afraid to do that?

Pray.

“God wants you to fear Him, because that’s gonna lead you to a life that you’ve never had, and it’s a better life ... it’s a secure life ... it’s a life that we were created for.”

Is that the kind of life you want to live?

What are you willing to do to have that life?

What will you do today to begin to seek that kind of life?

Read ... meditate ... pray.

Fear the LORD your God, serve Him only and take your oaths in His name.

Deuteronomy 6:13

And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 10:12

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere Him.

Psalms 33:8

Yet because the wicked do not fear God, it will not go well with them, and their days will not lengthen like a shadow.

Ecclesiastes 8:13

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

Isaiah 33:6

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

Acts 9:31

Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:17

He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Revelation 14:7