

Fearing God enables us to <u>live</u> as God desires.

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom...Proverbs 9:10

• Fearing God enables us to have greater **intimacy** with God. The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. Psalm 25:14

There are two different kinds of fear:

- There is a fear that drives people **<u>away</u>**.
- There is a fear that draws people **<u>closer</u>**.

To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Proverbs 8:13

• The fear of the Lord is a **<u>personal</u>** response to God that displays our <u>heart</u> for God.

Oh, that they would always have hearts like this, that they might fear me and obey all my commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever. Deuteronomy 5:29

Living in the Fear of the Lord means:

• I take God seriously.

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways... Psalm 128:1

• I want to **please** God.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. Psalm 112:1

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His loving kindness, To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine. Psalm 33:18-19

• I have **<u>humility</u>** towards God.

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way... Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose." Psalm 25:9, 12

I choose to <u>obey</u> God.

Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey" Genesis 22:3

"Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Genesis 22:12

Action Steps that lead us to fear God:

• Loving God leads us to fearing God.

"But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love." - Psalm 147:11

• Discover God Through His Word.

"Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." – Proverbs 2:1–5

Ask God to <u>teach</u> you.

"Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name." – Psalm 86:11

Reflect on God's <u>Greatness</u>.

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be." - Psalm 33:8–9



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- In your own words, why is fearing the lord so important for us a believers?
- How does fearing God give us greater intimacy with God?
- Talk about the two different types of fear. How does each one affect our relationship with God?
- How does the fear of God enable us to take God seriously?
- How does humility display our fear of God?
- Why is obedience important in fearing God?
- How does loving God lead us to fearing God?
- How does discovering God cause us to fear God?
- How does God's greatness inspire a greater fear of God?

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