

Doctrine of the Fear of the Lord

1. The fear of the Lord can be instilled as an act of the sovereign will of God
 - as a motive for service. *1 Samuel 11:7 And he [Elijah] took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.*
 - as a form of divine judgment. *2 Chronicles 14:14 And they [the armies of Judah] smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them [the enemies of Israel]; and they [the Hebrews] spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.*
 - as a form of divine protection. *2 Chronicles 17:10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.*

2. The fear of the Lord is commanded to be found in the heart of those who profess to know Him.
 - *2 Chronicles 19:7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.*
 - *2 Chronicles 19:9 And he [Jehoshaphat] charged them [the people of Israel], saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.*

3. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
 - *Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.*
 - *Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*
 - *Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
 - *Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

4. The Fear of the Lord is defined biblically.
 - *Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*
 - *Proverbs 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.*
 - *Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.*

5. The fear of the Lord is characterized.
 - *Psalms 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

6. Great mercy and grace is extended to those who fear the Lord.
 - A longer life. *Proverbs 10:27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*
 - A better quality of life. *Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.*
 - A stronger faith. *Proverbs 14:26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.*
 - Material prosperity. *Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.*
 - Better understanding of spiritual realities. *Isaiah 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*
 - Grace under pressure. *Isaiah 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.*
 - Social stability. *Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*

7. The soul that possesses little of this world's good but much of the fear of the Lord is far better off than a rich person with much silver and gold.
 - *Proverbs 15:16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.*

8. The fear of the Lord produces holiness of life.

- *Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.*

9. The Scriptures warn the believer never to stop fearing the Lord.

- *Proverbs 23:17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.*

10. Fear of God was a mark of the Messiah.

- *Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*