Doctrine of Fear

What the Fear of the Lord Is

Psalms 34:11

“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD”.

1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Wisdom is the right application of Bible doctrine to a given situation.

- 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 for ever.

- Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Basic knowledge of Bible doctrine is essential if the emotions are to be influenced.

- Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

3. The fear of the Lord is to hate mental attitude sins as well as overt one.

- 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.

4. The fear of the Lord is a strong confidence in the Lord.

- Proverbs 14:26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

6. The fear of the Lord is to enjoy life and to depart from spiritual death and a premature sin unto death.

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

7. The fear of the Lord provides a spiritual key for proper instruction in wisdom. A proper question is asked, “What would Jesus do?” Another question is to be asked is, “What would God the Father do?”
Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.