

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.*