

## ***The Fear of The Lord***

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### ***Proverbs 14:26-27***

*“In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have refuge.  
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.”*

Our relationship with God and His presence in our lives brings us the strength to be confident under any circumstance. As we learn and grow in the fear of the Lord, according to His promises, our confidence grows. If we lack the knowledge of the fear of the Lord, we will be fearful of the circumstances and trials around us.

We live in a time when most people are searching for something to give them a strong confidence. However, we live in a society without such confidence that is facing identity loss, lack of purpose and a lot of deception. We live in a society that expects complete stability from world governments, rests its hopes in financial wealth, and believes that if only we had enough education, we will have complete success. But in reality, there is no fear of the Lord, therefore the fiber of society is lost.

Without the fear of the Lord, we will live in nothing more than calamity and eventually death. If we are going to have the strong confidence, it should come from a real fear of the Lord, not from the places, circumstances or the people that we are, for without the fear of the Lord we will go from calamity to death.

📖 Genesis 20:9-11

- ↳ Without the fear of the Lord, nations fail to do what is right.
- ↳ Without the fear of the Lord, we seek for our own protection, out of convenience, and fear men rather than God.

### **The fear of God is essential for us to escape death.**

- ❖ There is a judgment to come and, according to our sinful condition, we were condemned to death.  
*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”*
  - ↳ We are called to fear God in light of the judgment to come.

📖 Romans 3:9-18

- ↳ No one, by our own ability, follows and obeys God, for there is no fear of God in us.

*Jeremiah 32:39-40 “I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them, and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts.”*

- ↳ Real fear of God is in the heart of those that belong to the Lord!
- ↳ The fear to the Lord is for our own good!
- ↳ God is the one who puts His fear in us!

*Psalms 130:3-4 “If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared!”*

- ↳ As we acknowledge our sinful condition and realize our forgiveness in Christ, we fear God who called us to life and rescued us from death.

*Philippians 2:12b-13 “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*

📖 Hebrews 10:26-31

*Psalms 34:7 “The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”*

- ↳ Against all odds, as we fear God, He has promised to deliver us from the dangers of death!

### **The fear of God is essential for us to have life.**

*Proverbs 19:23 “The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm”*

↳ The fear of the Lord leads us to everlasting life!

📖 Matthew 10:26-33

↳ Even though in this world we do face opposition, only God can take from us the gift of life.

*Psalms 34:9-11 “Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”*

↳ The fear of the Lord is necessary for us to be as God intended us to be.

↳ God wants us to live in His fear, so that we may always walk in the path of life!

*Proverbs 22:4 “The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life”*

↳ It is in humility and fear of God that we will receive the reward of life.

### **The fear of God is essential for us to have hope.**

*Psalms 33:18 “Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, and those who hope in His steadfast love.”*

↳ The protection and blessing of God come to those that, in fear of Him, place their hope in His love.

*Psalms 33:8-9 “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.”*

↳ It is fear in the Lord that gives us conviction of His power in all creation. We live with hope, knowing that in the same way, He will fulfill every promise according to His word.

*Ecclesiastes 8:12 “Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear Him.”*

### **The fear of God is essential for strong confidence.**

❖ Our confidence grows with our convictions, and we will only have strong convictions as we fear the Lord.

📖 Matthew 10:24-28

↳ There is strength and conviction in the fear of the Lord, that will cause us to follow the Lord against any opposition as He has called us to do!

📖 Genesis 22:1-12

↳ There is strength and conviction in the fear of the Lord to give Him what He requests in spite of our emotions.

*Genesis 42:18 “On the third day Joseph said to them, ‘Do this and you will live, for I fear God:’”*

↳ There is strength and conviction in the fear of the Lord to forgive and let go in spite of our feelings.

*Exodus 20:20 “Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.’”*

↳ There is strength and conviction in the fear of the Lord to avoid all sin in our lives.

*Proverbs 8:13 “The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.”*

*Proverbs 16:6 “By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.”*

❖ The strong confidence of God’s direction in our life is for those who fear Him.

*Psalms 25:12 “Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that He should choose.”*

❖ The strong confidence of God’s covenant to us comes as we fear Him.

*Psalms 25:14 “The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him. And He makes known to them His covenant.”*

### **Endnote:**

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