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Fear

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Fear.

Topics.

- The meaning of fear, and the fear of the LORD.
- Fear of God and love, and fear and God.
- Fear and the phone, and fear and witnessing.
- Fear and monsters, and fear is contagious.
- Fear God and give him glory.
- Who will not fear, O LORD, and glorify your name?

THE MEANING OF FEAR

Fear (*Hebrew mowra' and yare'*) literally means fear, it carries the idea of something fearful and terrible; a fearful deed; to be in dread; to be in terror; to frighten; to be or make afraid and to put in fear. Fear (*Greek phobeo*) to frighten; to be alarmed; to be afraid; to be put in exceeding fear or terror and by analogy to be in awe of (i.e., revere). When fear is put under a spotlight, almost all fears will be basically found to stem from self-preservation.

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FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the LORD is about:

- Fearing to do anything that harms another human physically, financially, sexually, verbally, emotionally, or spiritually because these things bring pain, hurt and harm to humans who God loves and gave His Son to die for.
- Is about knowing we are all going to stand before God and give an account of our actions, fear of this judgment should motivate a us to do the right thing and treat others with respect.

The reason a person is told to fear the LORD is because all humans have sinned and will one-day be judged by God; fear of this judgment should motivate all of us to seek after God and his eternal plan of salvation and forgiveness. This is why the Bible says the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, because it motivates a person to seek God and His forgiveness. Those desiring eternal life, will if they are wise be motivated by this fear of judgment to seek after God.

FEAR OF GOD AND LOVE

Jesus said, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Those in Christ understand this great love of God and no longer

act from fear, but from love, in the same way that a man in love with a woman does not do things to please her from fear, but from the love dwelling in his heart, likewise, those who know the Lord's love also live to please him from love and not from fear.

FEAR AND GOD

Fear stems from a lack of faith, and belief that our lives are in God's control, or the belief, we are out of His love and care. Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep us from living in the love, peace and contentment of God. The Bible states: there is no fear in love, perfect love drives out all fear, a good example of this kind of love is a mother or father who runs into a burning building covered in flames to save their child, in that moment the parents love for that child is greater than their fear of the flaming fire. Knowing the perfect love of God and that His desire is for good to those who love Christ, casts out the fear of eternal judgment and eternal destruction (i.e., eternal death, total annihilation and extinction).

FEAR AND THE PHONE

Following are three reasons people fear to phone others:

1. They feel they do not have any worth.
2. They feel they do not have anything of value to offer.
3. They feel they are intruding on other people's lives and their time.

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But if we do not phone people, they will think we do not care about them. Often, the underlying cause for the thought, "I don't want to intrude on their time," can be an excuse to avoid a problem the person they are calling may have, or to avoid intimacy. The simple answer to this type of fear, is to simply make the call, and see if we or the person we are calling falls apart, and have the attitude, 'no matter what the outcome, the world will not end.' When we feel should phone a person, but fear to do so, we should just do it, rather than allow the negative self-talk to stop us, then when the call has ended, analyze whether it was good or bad.

FEAR AND WITNESSING

The spirit of fear in witnessing often comes from caring more for one's own reputation, than the Gospel of Christ, Scripture calls this kind of fear, "Being ashamed of the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 1:8), meaning, our reputation is more important to us than Christ's, it is being more concerned about our own life than standing up for the Lord Jesus Christ, and not wanting to suffer persecution or being mocked.

FEAR AND MONSTERS

A fantasy movie was made in which kids had to fight off monsters. The monsters got their power by frightening the kids, and sucking up their fear. The more the monsters were able to frighten the kids, the greater the fear the monsters had to suck up, and the more fear they sucked up the bigger and stronger the monster became, until eventually the monster

had total power over those they frightened. The prideful powerful and scary Queen of the monsters, while sucking up the fear of her frightened victims, said, "It is fear that makes the monster, and not the other way around." The only way for the kids to protect themselves was to reject their feelings and emotions of fear, then the monsters had no food to suck up and eventually they diminished and became a vapour in the wind. Though a somewhat light-hearted kid's movie, the underlying theme contains a lot of truth. The movie ended happily with the kids winning the battle.

FEAR IS CONTAGIOUS

Like most emotions fear is contagious, once panic begins amongst a mass of people it, spreads swiftly throughout the crowd, and becomes frenzied confusion. Fear is the opposite of faith, and when fear is uppermost in the mind, the door by which God's power can enter, to strengthen is closed. To be free of all levels and mixtures of fear, faith must be seated on the throne of the heart and mind, for it is only faith that subdues fear, which means, the key to overcoming fear is to let faith rule our heart and mind.

FEAR GOD AND GIVE HIM GORY

- **Revelation 14:7:** And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

In this context the words, "fear God and give Him glory," refers to the following two groups:

1. The faithful standing in reverence and awe of the Almighty Holy God of all creation.
2. The wicked standing in literal fear, for the hour of judgment has come (or is coming) and will be fully executed on the unrepentant, unbelieving, and disobedient.

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WHO WILL NOT FEAR, O LORD, AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME?

- **Revelation 15:4:** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

This song is sung in anticipation of the angels of judgment going forth with the righteous dealings of God. They are spoken of as though they have already accomplished their judgments, because their completion is a divine certainty. The question, "Who will not fear you O Lord," means, who will not reverence and adore God. Fear in this context carries the idea, that because of these awesome and fearful judgments, about to be inflicted on the beast and his image those of the world would be brought to honour God, and acknowledge Him as the Ruler of the earth.

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