

## The Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

What does it mean to fear the Lord? Our culture has lost a sense of humble respect for leaders and elders therefore we have to cultivate this fear of the Lord even more. Fear of God is mentioned over 300 times in scripture. This must be something that is important to God and to our understanding of scripture.

Matthew 10:28

How can you learn to have awe and respect for God?

Are you growing in the direction of righteousness or foolishness? We can never be neutral. Pray that God will reveal any areas that need the fear of the Lord.

Gain wisdom by spending time contemplating what the following scriptures say about fear of the Lord.

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Prov. 15:33 Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor.

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

Prov. 10:27 The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

Prov. 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Prov. 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Prov. 14:26 Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Prov. 15:16 Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.

Prov. 2:5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Prov. 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech

Prov. 14:2 Whoever fears the LORD walks uprightly, but those who despise him are devious in their ways.

Job 28:28 And he said to the human race, "The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding."

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

Isaiah 33:6 He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

Psalm 128:1-2 Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.

<sup>2</sup> You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

Exodus 20:20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

Deuteronomy 14:23 Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the LORD your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.

Psalm 34:11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Song of Moses from Deuteronomy 32: 1-43