

## *“Fear the LORD, You His Saints” Part 2*

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### **7. Benefits of the Fear of the Lord, continued**

#### **d. The fear of the Lord is the starting place for wisdom and knowledge**

- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* is the beginning of **wisdom**; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Ps 111:10. Prov 9:10
- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* is the beginning of **knowledge**.” Prov 1:7
- ✓ “Who is the man who *fears the LORD*? Him will he instruct in the **way that he should choose**.” Ps 25:12

#### **e. The fear of the Lord causes you to hate what God hates.**

- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* is hatred of evil.” Prov 8:13

#### **f. The fear of the Lord gives life and improves it**

- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* **leads to life**, and whoever has it **rests satisfied**; he will not **be visited by harm**.” Prov 19:23
- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* **prolongs life** ...” Prov 10:17
- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* is a **fountain of life** that one may **turn away from the snares of death**.” Prov 14:27

#### **g. The fear of the Lord leads to true bounty and prosperity**

- ✓ “The reward for humility and *fear of the LORD* is **riches and honor and life**.” Prov 22:4
- ✓ “*Fear the LORD*, you his saints, for those who fear him **have no lack!**” Ps 34:9
- ✓ “He provides food for *those who fear him*; he remembers his covenant forever.” Ps 111:5
- ✓ “The *fear of the LORD* is **Zion's treasure**.” Isaiah 33:6
- ✓ “The church ... had peace and was being built up. And walking in the *fear of the Lord* and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it **multiplied**.” Acts 9:31

#### **h. The fear of the Lord is your protection and security**

- ✓ “You shall *fear the LORD* your God, and He will **deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies**.” 2 Kings 17:39
- ✓ “He fulfills the desire of *those who fear him*; he also hears their cry and **saves them**.” Ps 145:19
- ✓ “In the *fear of the LORD* one **has strong confidence**, and his **children will have a refuge**.” Prov 14:26
- ✓ “You who *fear the LORD*, trust in the LORD! He is **their help and their shield**.” Ps 115:11
- ✓ “The angel of the **LORD encamps** around *those who fear him*, and **delivers them**.” Ps 34:7

#### **i. The Fear of the Lord motivates and produces results.**

- ✓ “Knowing the *fear of the Lord*, we **persuade others** (to be reconciled to God). 2 Cor 5:11

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- ✓ “Job ... a blameless and upright man, who *fears God* and **turns away from evil** ... He **still holds fast his integrity** ...” Job 2:3
- ✓ Jehoshaphat’s instructions to judges: “Let the *fear of the LORD* be upon you. Be careful what you do ...” 2 Chron 19:7
- ✓ “He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on (Isaac) ... for now I know that you *fear God*, seeing **you have not withheld your son**, your only son, from me.’” Gen 22:12
- ✓ “The midwives *feared God* and **did not do as the king of Egypt commanded** them, but let the male children live.” Ex 1:17
- ✓ “Since we have these promises, beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from every defilement** of body and spirit, **bringing holiness to completion** in the *fear of God*.” 2 Cor 7:1

### **8. How does one acquire the Fear of the Lord**

#### **a. A learning and growing process**

- ✓ “... that you may **learn to fear the LORD** your God always.” Deut 14:23
- ✓ “Come, O children, listen to me; **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**” Ps 34:11

#### **b. Reading scripture**

- ✓ “(The king) shall read in (the Law) all the days of his life, that he may learn to *fear the LORD* his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them ...” Deut 17:19

#### **c. A community experience; learning from others**

- ✓ “**Assemble the people** ... that they may hear and learn to *fear the LORD* your God, and be careful to do all ... this law,<sup>13</sup> and that their children ... may hear and learn to *fear the LORD your God* ...” Deut 31:12f
- ✓ “Those who *feared the LORD* **spoke with one another**. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who *feared the LORD* and esteemed his name.” Mal 3:16

#### **d. Meditate on the Lord’s great works and the consequences**

- ✓ “Only *fear the LORD* and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For **consider what great things he has done for you.**” 1 Sam 12:24
- ✓ “Blessed is the one who *fears the LORD* always, but whoever hardens his heart **will fall into calamity.**” Prov 28:14

#### **e. Identity yourself as one who Fears the Lord.**

- ✓ “(Jonah) said to them, ‘I am a Hebrew, and I *fear the LORD*, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.’” Jonah 1:9

### **9. Both Fear and Love the Lord**

- “What does the LORD your God require of you, but to *fear the LORD your God*, to walk in all his ways, to *love him*, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul” Deut 10:12
- “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on *those who fear him*, on those who hope in his steadfast love.” Ps 33:18
- “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward *those who fear him.*” Ps 103:11
- “Let those who *fear the LORD* say, ‘His *steadfast love endures forever.*’” Ps 118:4