

# **“FEARING GOD”**

## **Lesson 1**

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### I. Introduction

A. The fear of God is a sweet and blessed work of the Spirit of grace given by God to children.

B. The fear of God means to reverence, to awe, and to tremble because of who He is.

C. The fear of God as a result of the new birth.

1. Jeremiah 32:38 – 41

D. Jesus and the fear of God

1. Luke 12:4-5

### II. The Object of Our Fear

A. God Himself

1. Genesis 31:42

a. Because of dread (awe) and majesty that is in Him

1). Neh. 1:5 4:14 9:32

2). Job 37:22

b. Produces a godly awe and reverence for His majesty

1). Nahum 1:5-6

2). Isaiah 8:13

B. Why God is to be the fear of His people.

1. His presence is dreadful (awe-full)

a. Gen. 28:10-17

b. Gen. 32:30

c. Terrible presence of angels

1). Matt. 28:4

2). Mark 16:5-6

3). Judges 13:22

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- d. Daniel’s vision of salvation - Daniel 10:10-17
2. Why His presence is dreadful (awe-full)
- a. His own greatness and majesty
    - 1). Job 13:20-21
    - 2). Rev. 1:17
  
  - b. People see themselves as they really are
    - 1). Dan. 10:8,16
    - 2). Isa. 6:5
    - 3). Luke 5:8
3. The revelation of God’s goodness
- a. Not only greatness but also goodness and mercy
    - 1). Hosea 3:5
    - 2). Jer. 5:22
    - 3). Job 42:5
    - 4). Jer. 33:8
4. His name is dreadful (awe-full)
- a. Deut. 28:58
  
  - b. Names distinguish one from others
    - 1). Psalm 111:9 -
    - 2). Exodus 34:6-7
  
  - c. Psalm 86:11 - David’s prayer
  
  - d. Psalm 102:15 - the unbeliever
  
  - e. Isa. 59:19, Mal. 2:5 - God exercises judgments
  
  - f. Mal. 4:2 - to fear His name is a sign of a gracious heart
  
  - g. Rev. 11:18 - Christ rewards those who fear His name

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5. Worship of Him and service for Him are dreadful (awe-full)
  - a. Psalm 5:7 - David's worship
    - 1). Psalm 2:11 - 2 Cor.7:1
  
  - b. Worship is to be conducted with fear
    - 1). because of who He is
    - 2). because He is present in our worship - Rev.1:13, Matt.18:20
    - 3). because He is a jealous God - Ex.20:5
    - 4).. because He exercises judgments during worship  
Lev. 10:1-3; I Sam 2; I Chron 13:9-10; Acts 5
  
  - c. Three kinds of worshippers rebuked
    - 1). those who don't worship God
    - 2). those who think attendance is all that is required
    - 3). those who have no regard for how or the manner of their worship