Fear of the Lord 2

Proverbs 9:10 **July 27, 2025**

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

> ***Fear (Heb. yirah)*** *in its fulness of defining are the words awe; respect; reverence; worship. Also trembling; exceeding fear.* ***(Gk. phobos)*** *fear, alarm, reverence.*

Intro and Refresher: *The fear of the Lord is not, for the believer, being afraid of being punished, tormented or maliciously stalked by God. The fear of the Lord which is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, is a supernatural reverence and awe which can be manifested in us in many ways, even as worshipful and joyful trembling (Ps.2:11). The fear of the Lord magnifies our love and devotion to Him thereby intensifying our desire to obey His commandments, strengthening our resisting the devil and his temptations (2 Cor.10:5ff), as well as fortifying our conviction to lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, because all the more we are fixing, focusing and locking our eyes on Jesus (Heb.12:1-2), to please Him and to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Him.*

Fearing and Trembling for All The Right Reasons

Philippians 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

Psalm 2:11 *Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

Mark 5:28-29,33 *For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." [29] And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.*

1 John 4:16-18 *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. [17] By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

As Red Beans and Rice & Peanut Butter and Jelly Go Together…

…so do the fear and love of God!

Psalm 33:18 *The eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his unfailing love.*

Psalm 145:19-20 *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. [20] The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.*

2 Corinthians 5:11,14 *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. [14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

What is this fear and love of God combo? It's a knee shaking, fall on your face reverence/awe(RAW) fear, combined with a heart pounding, "for joy" jumping love of Him. We do not want to disobey our Lord because we(RAW)fear Him, and we desire to obey because we love Him. Our (RAW)fear of Him is so great that we dare not displease Him, and our love for Him is so great that we long to please Him. This is the uniting of our heart(Ps.86:11) which detonates in the love and fear of God.

The One Who is to Be Feared is Himself "Wisdom"

Wisdom has a Name! More than a "thing" we get when we need wisdom imparted, Jesus, who always lives to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25b) and is with us always(Matt.28:20), is Himself, our very source of wisdom!

1 Cor. 1:23-24 *but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the Wisdom of God.*

Colossians 1:25-29 *I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, [26] the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. [27] To them **God chose to make known** how great among the Gentiles are **the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

Colossians 2:1-3 *For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which **is Christ, [3] in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***

>Who is this One to be feared? He is the mind blowing, All wise God, Who, in all of His glory, cannot love us more, and will not love us less!

***Revelation 1:13-18** Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. [14] The hairs of his head were white like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, [15] his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. [16] In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.[17] When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. **But he laid his right hand on me**, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.*

Ephesians 1:16-19 *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places…*

Paul "keeps asking" because we let the worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches and the care for other things shift our focus, robbing us of our holy love and fear of God and filling us with the deceitful desires of the flesh. The result, we forget to pursue the God who is faithful when we are not. We forsake the only One who can and does love us perfectly. And the result: we forgo the awe, reverence and wisdom of the One and Only One who is worthy to be praised with our every breath.

A Thanks and Glory-filled Doxology to Jesus Christ, the God We Love & Fear

Colossians 1:15-22; Jude 1:24-25

*"**Jesus, You are** the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] For **by You** all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created **through You and for You**. [17] And **You are** before all things, and **in You** all things hold together. [18] And **You are** the head of the body, the church. **You are** the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that **in everything You** might be preeminent. [19] For **in You** all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and **through You** to reconcile to **Yourself** all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of **Your cross.** [21] And I, who once was alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [22] **You have** now reconciled in **Your body** of flesh by **Your death**, in order to present me holy and blameless and above reproach **before You**…[24] Now **to You** who are able to keep me from stumbling and to present me blameless before the presence of **Your glory** with great joy, [25] to the only God, my Savior, **through You**, **Jesus Christ my Lord**, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all-time and now and forever. Amen."*

Oswald Chambers: *"The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear Him, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else."*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*