

# Grow in the Fear of God

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG AND GOD IS SMALL

**THE PROBLEM:** WE IS THAT WE'VE MADE PEOPLE TOO BIG AND GOD TOO SMALL.

**THE ANSWER:** WE NEED TO LEARN, AND KNOW, AND \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD IS BIGGER AND MORE THAN WE EVER IMAGINED.

**THE GOAL:** TO ESTABLISH A \_\_\_\_\_ TRADITION OF GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND FEAR OF GOD.

## The Fear of the Lord: Is \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 9:10-12 Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. 11 Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. 12 If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit.*

*Proverbs 19:23 Fear of the LORD leads to life, bringing security and protection from harm.*

*Proverbs 10:27 Fear of the LORD lengthens one's life...*

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

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

## The Fear of the Lord: God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Job 1:7-8 "Where have you come from?" the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on." 8 Then the LORD asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil."*

*Job 1:20-21 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."*

*Job 2:10 He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.*

*Job 38:44 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?"*

*Job 38:12 "Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east?"*

*Job 38:18-19 Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know! 19 "Where does light come from, and where does darkness go?"*

*Job 38:35 Can you make lightning appear and cause it to strike as you direct?"*

*Job 42:5-6 I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. 6 I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”*

# The Fear of the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 6:1-4 1 It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. 2 Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!” 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.*

*Isaiah 40:11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart.*

# The Fear of the Lord: God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 53:3-5 He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. 4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.*

*Romans 2:5-8 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will judge everyone according to what they have done. 7 He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. 8 But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.*

*Matthew 10:28 “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. “*

# The Fear of the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Worship keeps life \_\_\_\_\_ and not me-centered.

*Psalm 103:1 Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. 2 Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.*

2. Worship keeps our \_\_\_\_\_ in God strong and active.

*Psalm 16:8-9 (NKJV) I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.*

3. Worship keeps everything in right \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*