Lesson #

Theology–The Fear of God (Pt.1)

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\* In this study we will be learning what the Bible says about the Fear of the Lord. This is a study in theology that has both interested and aroused curiosity in people for four to five hundred years. There is a right and a wrong kind of fear according to the word of God. One of the precious messages in the Bible is “Fear not.” It is used about fifty times in Scripture. For example, the Lord says, “fear not” in ***Genesis 15:1, 26:24; Luke 2:10, 12:32; Acts 27:24, and Revelation 1:17.*** There are also, variations of the Lord telling someone not to be afraid.

“But he saith unto them, It is I; b \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 6:20***

\* Now, there is a kind of fear that the unsaved man should have and a kind of fear that a saved man should have. The same apostle who keeps writing about being comforted and not being afraid, also said the following.

“Wherefore, my b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, as ye have always o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, not as in mypresence only, but now much more in my absence, w \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ yourown s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with f \_ \_ \_ and

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.For it is God which w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ y \_ \_ both to will and to do of hisgood pleasure.” ***Philippians 2:12,13***

\* Then, we read in one of the Apostle John’s letters the following.

“There is n \_ f \_ \_ \_i \_ l \_ \_ \_; but perfect love c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_: because

fear hath torment. He that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is n \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in love.” ***1 John 4:18***

\* What we need to remember is that the context of John’s statement is limited to the Christian worrying about losing their salvation in the prior verse. If there is one kind of fear with which no Christian should be bothered, it is that of becoming unsaved after the Lord has saved them.

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the

d \_ \_ of j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: because a \_ h \_i \_, s \_a \_ \_ w \_ in this world.” ***1 John 4:17***

“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein h \_ h \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ u \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .” ***Ephesians 1:6***

\* Although there are many things of which a Christian may have to be afraid, going to hell is not one of them. There are a lot of false so-called religions that have taken the verses above out of context to try to prove that fear is an unhealthy motive, is negative, and, therefore, should not be toleratedin regard to man’s dealings with God, which of course is Satanic in nature and making a liar out of the Holy Scriptures and the Lord.

“The f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: a goodunderstanding have all they that do his commandments: his praiseendureth for ever.” ***Psalms 111:10***

“And u \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ he said, Behold, the f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ i \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and to depart from evil is understanding.” ***Job 28:28***

\* The Scriptures say, people that say that man should not fear God, characterize degenerate, depraved men given over to the devil.

“They are all gone out of the way, they are together becomeunprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have useddeceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is n \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_.”

***Romans 3:12-18***

\* The doctrinal teaching of the word of God is that a certain kind of fear is very, very healthy for a saved man or an unsaved man. The unsaved man will not take chances that will cause God to strike him down. The saved man who fears the Lord does not take chances, that might ruin his testimony, ministry, usefulness, or that might cut his life short. When the Apostle Paul told the Christian what to do, he also told him why!

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in mypresence only, but now much more in my absence, w \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with f \_ \_ \_ and

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Fori \_i \_ G \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ y \_ \_ both to will and to do of hisgood pleasure.” ***Philippians 2:12,13***

\* The born-again believer has the Holy Ghost in him, trying to make him Christ-like and trying to make him be what God wants him to be. In view of this, the Christian is warned to work out his salvation (not work at it) “with fear and trembling, because God is working in the believer’s body. This great Bible doctrine should be gotten down pat by the believer, and he should be absolutely certain about its nature. Some people that don’t fear God worry about losing their salvation. A man who fears God usually does not fear men, and a man that fears men, usually does not fear God.The people that are always worried about putting on a show in front of men, they are people who do not fear God, they are afraid of what men might think about them.

\* The Fear of the Lord and the Fear of God means that a man, when he is faced with the holiness and righteousness of God, should be *afraid.* There are those that will teach that the fear of the Lord means “a reverential trust, with a hatred of evil,” but you are told in your Bible that a reverence, and a fear of God, are two entirely different things.

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let ushave grace, whereby we may s \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_and g \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_:For our God is a consuming fire.” ***Hebrews 12:28,29***



“Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God inHoreb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the peopletogether, and I will make them h \_ \_ \_ m \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, that they may l \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ f \_ \_ \_ m \_ all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and thatthey may

 t \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Deuteronomy 4:10***

\* The essential thing about the Fear of the Lord is that you fear God enough that you pay attention to what He says.

“T \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ thy G \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and shalt swearby his name.” ***Deuteronomy 6:13***

“Let us hear the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the w \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: F \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and keephis commandments: for t \_ \_ \_i \_ the w \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ of man.” ***Ecclesiastes 12:13***

\* America has ceased to Fear the Lord God. It is beginning to see the fruit of not fearing God in the perilous times that are beginning to show in society now. Forty years ago, people used to sleep at night with their windows and doors opened. Not anymore. Used to not long ago, children ran about in the neighborhood without worry of anyone hurting or bothering them. Not anymore. Used to, the most dangerous thing a child would possess would be a BB gun and wouldn’t think of harming another person with it. Not anymore. If a twelve-year-old holds a pistol towards you, your dead. America used to have a conscience of the sacredness of life. Not anymore. Now a parent will kill their baby and deposit it into a dumpster in a garbage bag. America is only five percent of the worlds population, yet houses twenty -five percent of the worlds prisoners. America fears the Lord, do they? Hogwash! Poppycock! The Lord has begun to clean house on this country because it does not care about or fear Him any longer. No other country has ever gotten away with turning their back on the Lord and America is not going to either. The ship is sinking, and nobody cares. Pastors have ceased to preach to people the Fear of the Lord, and instead we have now a prosperity gospel being preached. Do things really seem to be prospering in America? Really??? If things were prospering in America, (and they are not to anyone that can think straight) then that would make God a big fat liar. (Which He is not!) Look what the Scriptures say and figure it out yourself.

“For whom the Lord loveth he c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ every sonwhom he receiveth.” ***Hebrews 12:6***

“The w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall be t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_, and a \_ \_ the n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_.” ***Psalms 9:17***

“R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a nation: but s \_ \_i \_ a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to anypeople.” ***Proverbs 14:34***

\* There are certain things which you *are to fear* and certain things which you *are not to fear*.

“And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget;n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall y \_ f \_ \_ \_

o \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Kings 17:38***

\* We are not to fear *poverty, diseases, or the lack of education*-the *gods of the heathen*. We are not to fear *peace, security, prosperity*, and *other idols*. We are not to *fear man.*

“And S \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto Samuel, I h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for I have t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ I f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and obeyed their voice.” ***1 Samuel 15:24***

\* Remember, Herod had John the Baptist’s head cut off because he feared to go back on his vow.

“The f \_ \_ \_ of m \_ \_ bringeth a s \_ \_ \_ \_: but whoso putteth his trust in theLORD s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ s \_ \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 29:25***

\* We are not to fear the *face of man.*

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought too \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_.” ***Acts 5:29***

\* We are not to fear *earthly calamities*.

“And f \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ which kill the body, but are not able to kill thesoul: but r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ which is able to destroy both soul andbody in hell.” ***Matthew 10:28***

\* We are not to fear the *Roman Catholic popes* and the *governments* and *their powers,* and attempts to take over this country. We are to know what is going on and protest, but not to fear.

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be contentwith such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will n \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_,nor f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_.So that we may boldly say, The L \_ \_ \_ is m \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and I w \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ what man shall do unto me.”

***Hebrews 13:5,6***

\* A child of God does not fear *future punishment*. We do not worry about *going to hell*. We are not to fear,*fear.* In 1941, Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, “We have nothing to fear but fear itself.” This is nonsense. You had better fear the judgment of God on sin. If you are an unsaved man you had better fear Gods holiness and not trust in your own righteousness.

“And f \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ which k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_, but are not able to kill thesoul: but rather

f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ which i \_ a \_ \_ \_ to d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ soul andbody in hell.” ***Matthew 10:28***

\* Trouble and anguish makes the unsaved man afraid, but the believer should think differently concerning these things.

“Casting a \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_; for h \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for y \_ \_.” ***1 Peter 5:7***

\* So, there is only one fear remaining and that is a holy fear of the Lord God Himself. There are those that would say that to try to tell someone they should fear and be afraid of God is wrong. Yet these same hypocrites buy car insurance in fear of having a wreck. These same people buy hospitalization insurance in fear of getting an illness, some fear Eboli, some fear leukemia, some fear they won’t get a raise, some fear getting laid off work, some fear cancer, some fear for their disobedient children, some fear old age, some have fire insurance in fear of their house burning, some fear the car will break, some fear inflation, the stock market crashing, being robbed, raped, bullied, blah, blah, blah and blah. Then they turn right around when the Lords name is brought into it and say “Oh, No, we shouldn’t fear God.” The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth of the matter is that the “Fear of the Lord” is the healthiest fear a human being can have. It is when a person decides that they are not going to “Fear God” is when all the trouble starts, right? Imagine someone trying to tell you that you shouldn’t fear a God that can put you in hell and burn you forever, and he turns around and guides his entire life by fear. A little hypocritical wouldn’t you say? What saith the Scriptures?

“Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and keephiscommandments, and

 o \_ \_ \_ his voice, and ye shall s \_ \_ \_ \_ him,and c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto him.” ***Deuteronomy 13:4***

“Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. F \_ \_ \_ G\_ \_. Honor the king.”***1 Peter 2:17***

“Then had t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ throughout all Judaea and Galilee andSamaria, and were e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; and w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, andin the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the Holy Ghost, were m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Acts 9:31***

\* The above Scripture speaking to the New Testament Christian under grace in the local church says, the “fear of the Lord” as akin to “rest,” “edification,” “being comforted,” and “being multiplied.” Another verse from the Holy Bible says the fear of the Lord has to do with holiness.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from all

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the f \_ \_ \_ \_ and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the f \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***2 Corinthians 7:1***

So, where’s all of the so called bad stuff about fearing the Lord? A man who does not fear God does not have good sense or even common sense. You ask any unadulterated child if a person should be scared of God and see what they answer. Like it said “un**ADULT**erated.” You have to be an adult to be that stupid!

After buying a $50,000 insurance policy before a plane trip, the traveler stepped on a nearby scale. Out came one of those fortune-telling cards. The message read, “A recent investment may pay big dividends.”

What is the Fear of the Lord “Specifically?”

What we look at and study next are the definitions given by the Holy Bible, where the Holy Ghost is defining the fear of the Lord and telling you what it is. The Apostle Paul, when dealing with the so-called spiritual, gifted charismatics of his day started the qualifications out by the following verse.

“If any man t \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to be a p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, or s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, let him

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that the things that I write u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ a \_ \_ thec \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Corinthians 14:37***

\* Paul said, that if a man claims to know anything about spiritual matters the first thing he will acknowledge is that what God’s word says about it is “truth,” and agree with it. So, as we look into the scriptures and see written “The Fear of the Lord is...,” no matter what, we agree, because that is what the Bible says.

1. The Fear of the Lord **is to hate evil**.

“The fear of the LORD is to h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_: p \_ \_ \_ \_, and a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and the

e \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” ***Proverbs 8:13***

According to this verse a humanistic relativist who thinks evil is good and good is evil, and that it all depends on how you look at things are nuts.They live a life of nothing but confusion.If you don’t know the difference in good and evil, how then can you hate evil? Cuckoo,Cuckoo!!!

 “Ye that l \_ \_ \_ the LORD, h \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_: he preserveth the souls of hissaints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.” ***Psalms 97:10***

“Woe unto them t \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ evil good, and good evil; t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ darknessfor light, and light for darkness; t \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ bitter for sweet, and sweetfor bitter!” ***Isaiah 5:20***

1. The Fear of the Lord **is the beginning of wisdom.**

“The fear of the LORD is t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: a goodunderstanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.” ***Psalms 111:10***

Wisdom does not begin with a High School education, or a college education, or the Harvard Five Foot Shelf of Classics, or a major in physics, or understanding Einstein’s theory of relativity. Until a man has learned to Fear God, he has not begun to learn anything. A man “starts” to get wise when he begins to learn to fear God.

“The f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ said i \_ h \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, T \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ n \_ G \_ \_. They are corrupt,they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.” ***Psalms 14:1***

1. The Fear if the Lord **is a Treasure.**

“And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, andstrength of salvation: the f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_i \_ h \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Isaiah 33:6***

“B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is little with the f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ than great treasure and

trouble therewith.” ***Proverbs 15:16***

The Fear of the Lord then, is a valuable thing. It is worth more than silver and gold because it will keep you out of trouble that silver and gold cannot get you out of. A person can do things (if they don’t fear God) that they cannot fix with money.

“Be n \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; God i \_ n \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for whatsoever a mansoweth, that

shall he alsoreap.For he that soweth to h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ shall of the flesh r \_ \_ \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; buthe thatsoweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap

life everlasting.” ***Galatians 6:7,8***

1. The Fear of the Lord **is a fountain of life.**

Ponce de Leon came over here with Columbus on his second trip in 1493. In 1513, while spending his time in the swamps with yellow fever, flies, mosquitoes, banyan trees, cypress roots and gum stumps he looked for the fountain of youth that could make him live forever. All he had to do was look into his Bible!

“The f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is a f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ l \_ \_ \_, to depart from the

snares of death.”***Proverbs 14:27***

“Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of thiswater shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ shall n \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_.” ***John 4:13,14***

“Jesus saith unto him, \_ a \_t \_ \_ w \_ \_, t \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: no man

cometh unto the Father, but b \_ m \_.”***John 14:6***

1. The Fear of the Lord **is clean.**

**Clean**: Free from dirt or impurities;Free from restrictions or qualifications; free from anything that dulls or dims; Free from impurities; rituallypure; Not spreading pollution or contamination;free from objectionable elements; fit for all observers; Free from sepsis or infection; Morally pure; having few alterations or corrections; Exhibiting or calling forfair play; Without difficulties or problems; Thorough and without qualification; Free from clumsiness; precisely or deftly executed; In conformity with the rules or laws and without fraud or cheating; Completely; used as an intensifier; fair; neat; unclouded.

“The f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is c \_ \_ \_ \_, enduring for ever: the judgments of

the LORD are true and righteous altogether.” ***Psalms 19:9***

 It keeps you out of trouble. It is sanctifying. It will make you careful how you walk. King David failed to Fear the Lord temporarily and in an instant, he took Bathsheba and ordered Uriah’s death. The fear of the Lord is not damaging, destructive, and does not give you a guilt complex.

1. The Fear of the Lord ***is godly.***

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let ushave grace, whereby w \_ m \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with reverence and g \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_: For our God is a consuming fire.” ***Hebrew 12:28,29***

\* There is a difference in reverence and godly fear. A fear that is godly will cause the one fearing to become more like God. This is the sort of fear a person has when they truly know the one they fear ***is “GOD***!”Not a god! The heathen reverence their gods somewhat, but they do not fear them. Why? Because they are not “***GOD***!”

\* The Holy Ghost is in the world to convict men “of sin, because they believe not on Christ,” and if they don’t believe on Christ, they go to hell. Therefore, the fear of the Lord is a negative conviction brought on by the Holy Ghost. When you hear a man trying to talk somebody out of fearing God, you are dealing with a man who is dedicated to overthrowing the convicting work of the Holy Spirit. We should start today if not already putting God first and men second. Remember, if you are saved, there is one thing you never have to fear. You never have to fear the day of judgment and going to hell.

“Thou wilt keep him in p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_, whose m \_ \_ \_ is s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on thee:

because h \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in thee.” ***Isaiah 26:3***

“J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” ***Hebrews 13:8***

Hallelujah, Amen! The Fear of God!