Lesson #

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Theology-The Fear of God (Pt.2)

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\* We will now continue our study of the Fear of God with part two. In this portion, we will discuss three different topics. First, Motives for Fearing God; Second, Why the Fear of the Lord is Necessary; and lastly, The Results of Fearing God. Keep in mind as we study, that it is what the Scriptures say that we are mainly interested. What does God say about the “Fear of God?”

“Shame arises from the fear of men, conscience from the fear of God.”

~Samuel Johnson~

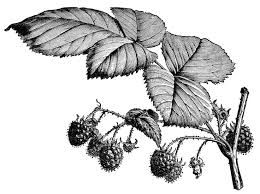
Inscribed across an old map of Jamaica is the title, “Land of Look Behind.” The map goes back to the days when there were still slaves in Jamaica. When the slaves escaped, they headed for the mountains. Sometimes the government sent troops after them. So, they frequently looked fearfully over their shoulders. This gave the mountainous area the name, “Land of Look Behind.” Too many Christians still live in the “Land of Look Behind.” They have escaped from slavery to Satan and sin, yet fear constantly nags them. They should look to Christ for freedom from their fears and live with Him in “the land of look ahead.”

Motives “For” Fearing God

1. The **Holiness of God** is a motive to fear God.

The holiness of God should cause us to fear Him. Fear by societies definition today is classified as “unhealthy and a sickness.” They say that the further a person puts fear away from them, the healthier they will be in mind and body. However, at the same time they are stressing these values they claim, they are buying and trusting in life insurance, health insurance, collision and liability insurance, fire insurance and Social security and whatever else they can find to secure their “fears.” These double-tongued folks who preach “no fear” do not really believe it is “unhealthy” themselves. They live their lives driven by fears of some sort whether they admit them or not. The truth of the matter is that fear, as we have said before in these studies, is a “very” healthy motive.

“W \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for t \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_: for a \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall come and worship before thee; forthy judgments are made manifest.” ***Revelation 15:4***

The reason why people are not motivated to fear God any longer is because their god is an “unclean god.” This god of theirs, is a hippified “god of love” god. You don’t have to be afraid of him: he won’t hurt you, sort of god. He is a kiss you all over, make you feel good about yourself-no matter what, kind of unclean god. It doesn’t matter if you just cussed out your spouse, stole from that person, told that lie, looked upon that nakedness, listened to the slander, hated, coveted, whispered, backbite or maliciously wished that persons hurt, he’ll still accept you as you are, and as you want to be. Amen! Hallelujah!

In previous studies we discussed, we learned that God is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, all-knowing, all-seeing, all-pervading, ever eternal, self-existent, infinite, and immutable; such a God, people, is to be feared! Never mind all the kiddie gods, the God of gods is the God of the Bible, and should not be toyed with.

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

L \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ G \_ \_, to w \_ \_ \_i \_ a \_ \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, and t \_ l \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_,and t \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,” ***Deuteronomy 10:12***

“For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be

holy; f \_ \_ I a \_ h \_ \_ \_: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping

thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the

land of Egypt,to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, f \_ \_ I a \_ h \_ \_ \_.”

***Leviticus 11:44,45***

“Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou J \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_

N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee w \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_,

the H \_ \_ \_ O \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***Mark 1:24***

“But the Comforter, w \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ t \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_, whom t \_ \_ F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ will

**send i \_ m \_ n \_ \_ \_, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things

to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” ***John 14:26***

We Fear God because He is **Holy**!

1. The **Goodness of God** is a motive to fear God.

“Only f \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ h \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_.” ***1 Samuel 12:24***

The goodness of God should motivate a man to fear Him, for surely if God can be as good as He is to men who don’t deserve that goodness, then certainly there is another side to God’s nature that will be manifest sooner or later. The Apostle Paul, wrote to us about God’s goodness, but added a warning for us to regard. Can you tell what it was?



“Behold therefore the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_: on them which

fell, s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but toward thee, g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, if thou continue in his

goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” ***Romans 11:22***

Even a human father that is good toward his son is loved deeply, but at the same time if that father is a good *and just* father he will be feared by the son knowing the severity that is possible. True love. The goodness of God motivates us to fear Him.

1. The **Forgiveness of God** is a motive to fear God.

“But there i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_, that t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 130:4***

All this poppycock in society today about not having to fear God is utter foolishness. Anyone that has truly been forgiven by the Lord finds it a privilege to fear him. A forgiven man fears God because *he gets to*, not because *he has to*! People that deceive themselves over the fear factor, have never been forgiven by Him, or either forgotten. The forgiveness of God motivates us to fear Him.

1. The **Coming Judgments** is a motive to fear God.

“Saying with a loud voice, F \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, and give glory to him; for t \_ \_h \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ c \_ \_ \_: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” ***Revelation 14:7***

There is an old axiom that is true. “A man that fears God does not fear men, and a man that fears men, does not fear God.” If men really knew, (or half believed what the Bible says) about the judgments to come, and standing before their **CREATOR,** they would be careful how they walked. The Scriptures say a man is going to give account to God concerning every *action, word, and thought*. If that doesn’t scare you, there’s something wrong with your coconut man!” The reason men think they are going to get away with things is the same reason a hatful little adolescent child spits on his momma. Because, she says “one, two, two and a half, two and three quarters, etc.” God knows why! Look what He says.

“Because s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ an evil work is n \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

therefore t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ of the sons of men is f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ in them t \_ d \_ e \_ \_ \_.” ***Ecclesiastes 8:11***

Charles Manson recently died at 83 years old, and as a celebrity, after the tax payers paid for him to stay alive behind bars since 1969. In 1986, during a prison interview, Charlie Rose asked him, “So you didn’t care?” speaking of Ms. Tate and her unborn child. Charles Manson replied, “Care? What the hell does that mean, ‘care’?” It makes you wonder what Charles Manson is saying now! The U.S. is 5% of the world’s population, it houses 25% of the worlds prisoners. The coming judgments of God motivate us to fear Him. Wonder why that is? “No Fear?”

Why The Fear of the Lord is Necessary

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary **to Worship**.

“But a \_ f \_ \_ m \_, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy

mercy: and i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ I w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ toward thy holy temple.” ***Psalms 5:7***

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary **in Service**.

“S \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, and rejoice with trembling.” ***Psalms 2:11***

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary to **Keep us from Sin**.

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is c \_ \_ \_ t \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, and that h \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ b \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_, that

y \_s \_ \_ n \_ \_.” ***Exodus 20:20***

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary **for good Government.**

“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, H \_ t \_ \_ \_

r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ must be just, ruling i \_ t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***2 Samuel 23:3***

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary **for the administration of Justice**.

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise untoDavid a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and a K \_ \_ \_ shall r \_ \_ \_ \_ and prosper, and shall e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called,THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” ***Jeremiah 23:5,6***

“To receive the i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ wisdom, j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and judgment, and

equity; T \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of knowledge: but fools

despise wisdom and instruction.” ***Proverbs 1:3,7***

1. The Fear of the Lord is necessary **for the perfecting of holiness**.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***2 Corinthians 7:1***

The Results of Fearing God

\* What are the results of fearing the Lord? This “fear of the Lord” which unsaved people are so afraid of, and about which people get so nervous and upset when brought up, what kind of results come from it? If a man actually fears God like the Bible tells him to, does he go crazy? Does he develop psychotic and neurological problems as prescribed by the so-called professionals? Well, let’s see what the Bible says about itself, when it comes to what happens as a result of “Fearing God.”

1. As a result of fearing God, **a man gets wisdom.**

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

Everyone today has a remedy for all of mans problems, right? If you want to know what will keep you out of more trouble, scrapes, sorrow, headaches, and heartaches more than anything else in the world, it is a simple, clean, sincere, and enduring fear of God.

1. As a result of fearing God, it **brings pleasure to the Lord**.

“The LORD t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ t \_ \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, in those that hope in his mercy.” ***Psalms 147:11***

The Devil and his crowd are so persistent at trying to make us feel like a disappointment to the Lord, but God’s word say’s that we bring pleasure to Him when we fear Him.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it causes the Lords pity for the child of God to increase**.

“L \_ \_ \_ a \_ a f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ his children, s \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***Psalms 103:13***

We all need and long for the Lords pity sometimes and are glad when we get it. Our Lord is a Wonderful Father to us, and pities us when we fear Him.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings acceptance with God**.

“But in e \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ he that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and worketh righteousness, i \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***Acts 10:35***

The case was an unsaved Gentile who followed his conscience. Although that Gentile was unsaved and needed to hear the gospel to be saved, because he feared God and followed and obeyed his conscience, God got the gospel to him and sent him a missionary. That Gentile (Cornelius) was born again by believing the gospel. The Lord accepted Cornelius’ prayer for further light and gave him that further light on the truth, because he feared Him.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings the mercy of God**.

“But the m \_ \_ \_ \_ o\_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is from everlasting to everlasting u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_h \_ \_, and his righteousness unto children’s children;” ***Psalms 103:17***

You ever needed mercy? You every needed mercy twice? How about three times? Can you imagine everlasting mercy? The Lord says it is, to we that fear Him. Praise Him! Incredible!

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings blessing.**

“Praise ye the LORD. B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ t \_ \_ m \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.” ***Psalms 112:1***

The Bible does not say, “Blessed is the man that thinks that God will put up with anything.” The Bible does not say, “Blessed is the man that thinks positive thoughts.” The Bible does not say, “Blessed is the man that always thinks positive thoughts.” The Bible says, “Blessed is the man, THAT FEARETH THE LORD.” Sorry, all of you Darwinists, tree huggers, and hummada,dummada dingdongs.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings confidence.**

“In the f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_i \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and his children shall have a place of refuge.” ***Proverbs 14:26***

The more we fear the Lord, the more confident we become. We have a God that will never lie to us and cannot be accused of letting any of us down in any way when we trust in Him. It frees us from doubt, and increases our feelings of trust when we fear Him.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings separation from evil**.

“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ men

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 16:6***

The Scripture did not say “By the fear of the Lord, men reform themselves, or turn over a new leaf, or do 12 steps, or learn to love more, or anything else the world and their council tries to put in its place. When a man fears the “LORD” he “DEPARTS” from evil. He does not try to find a new way of doing it, or renaming it, he “DEPARTS” from it. The answers to all the terrible and unbelievable atrocities being committed in society today is simple. They have ceased to “Fear the Lord.” The further people get away from fearing God the worse the sins. It’s simple to understand if a man believes Gods word.



“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_.” ***Psalms 9:17***

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but s \_ \_ is a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to a \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 14:34***

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings true Christian Fellowship.**

“Then they that f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ t \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_, and that thought upon his name.” ***Malachi 3:16***

There is probably nothing more precious and sweeter (outside of fellowship with the Lord Himself) than the brethren dwelling in unity. It is without words, the union and sweetness that the love of Christ brings.**TRUE** fellowship is remarkable.

“Behold, how g \_ \_ \_ and how p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it is for b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to dwell

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_!”***Psalms 133:1***

However, just for the record of the integrity of the Lord and the word of God and what this study is trying to teach, TRUE Christian fellowship is not described in the Bible as, I kiss and hug your wife, and you hug and kiss mine, or any other of the shameful things that go on in these so called Christian lovey-dovey fellowships. The Fear of the lord is displayed with purity and holiness and that with which the Lord would be part of, not some of the deceitful, lusty, nastiness that is evident in some” *fellowships,”* that would make a heroin addict blush. Amen!

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it supersedes the fear of man**.

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy;

n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ y \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, nor b \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. Sanctify the LORD of hosts

himself; and l \_ \_ h \_ \_ b \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, and let h \_ \_ b \_ y \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Isaiah 8:12,13***

Stop being afraid of man! You want to be afraid of an opinion? Be afraid of what God thinks about you. If you want to be afraid of gossip, be afraid of what God says about you up in glory. If you want to be afraid of what will happen to you if you don’t obey men, start being afraid of what God will do to you if you don’t obey Him.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings answered prayer.**

“He will f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_: he also will h \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_, and will save them.” ***Psalms 145:19***

It probably has never yet been recorded that a man was disappointed in that God fulfilled his desire and answered his prayer. Anyone who has had a prayer answered by the Lord knows that there is an indescribable joy that comes along with it.

1. As a result of Fearing God, **it brings long life**.

“The f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.” ***Proverbs 10:27***

Stands to reason that God being the Creator of life and Life Himself, that our relationship with Him will affect our life

“For bodily exercise p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is profitable unto

a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, having promise of the l \_ \_ \_ that n \_ \_i \_, and of t \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_

is t \_ c \_ \_ \_.”***1 Timothy 4:8***

The only difference in an athlete and an out of shape person when you come right down to it is how much of what the worms get. Right? The Lord said if you sow the flesh, you reap the flesh, but sow the Spirit and reap life.

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall of the S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ everlasting.” ***Galatians 6:8***

In re-capping, did you find anything that you thought was undesirable about Fearing the Lord? There were not any undesirables, was there? As a matter of fact, all the things listed is precisely what man is striving to obtain without God, which will never happen. Let us go believing, and know, that the ones that tell us that fearing God is wrong, are liars, and we should believe God rather than men. The Fear of the Lord is the healthiest motive on earth today; alongside the fear of Lord, positive thinking does not even run a close third. The positive thinking mentioned in Philippians 4 is for the prayer life of the born-again believer. Read it! The fear of the Lord is for both saved and lost men, in any station of life, any sex or race, anywhere on the face of the earth. The Fear of God.

“Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my

heart to ***fear thy name***.” ***Psalms 86:11***

“Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider,

**I am afraid of him.**” ***Job 23:15***

Amen

