

The Powerful Secret for Victorious Christian Living: The Fear of the Lord
Psalm 25:12-15

I. Distinguishing _____ Fear From Godly Fear

A. Seeming _____

B. Scriptural _____

1. Exodus 20:18-20. Ungodly fear contrasted with godly fear. Truth: For God's people fearing the Lord does not mean being afraid of the Lord.
2. Scripture declares that Godly fear should be embraced and longed for.
 - a. Prov. 1:7 – it is the beginning of knowledge
 - b. Prov. 9:10 – it is the beginning of wisdom
 - c. Prov. 22:4 – when combined with humility, it results in riches, honor, and life.
 - d. Prov. 23:17 – you are commanded to be zealous for the fear of the Lord
 - e. Isaiah 11:1-3a – a characteristic of Messiah.
 - f. Rev. 19:1-5 – the fear of the Lord will exist in heaven.

C. A Simple _____

Ungodly fear _____ you *away* from God; Godly fear _____ you *to* God.
Mark 5

II. The _____ of Godly Fear

A. Stated: *A Perpetual Awareness of the Lord's Presence and Attributes That Results in 1) a Pious Walk, 2) Prosperous Work, 3) A Priority of Worship, 4) Practical Wisdom, and 5) Praiseworthy Awe of God's Holiness, Immensity, and Grace.*

B. Illustrated: _____

1. A Perpetual Awareness – v. 5
2. A Pious Walk – v. 1, 22; 2:10
3. A Prosperous Work – v. 2-3
4. A Priority of Worship – v. 5, 20
5. Practical Wisdom – v. 21
6. Praiseworthy Awe of God – 42:1-6

III. The _____ of Fearing the Lord

- A. Prov. 1:7 – An understanding of _____ and knowledge
- B. Prov. 9:10 – _____
- C. Prov. 16:6 – A deterrent of _____; cf. 14:27
- D. Prov. 14:26 – _____ to stand alone
- E. Acts 2:37-47 – _____ power, provision, and influence
- F. Acts 5:1-11 – Spiritual _____

IV. The Disastrous _____ of Not Fearing the Lord

- A. D _____ (instead of knowledge of the truth)
- B. Foolishness and _____ (instead of wisdom)
- C. Disgraceful sin and _____ (instead of a departure from evil)
- D. Fear of _____ (instead of boldness)
- E. Weakness, Impotence, and _____ (instead of supernatural power and influence)
- F. V _____ (instead of spiritual protection)

V. Development of the Fear of the Lord – Prov. 2

- A. R _____ – v. 1 “my son”
- B. R _____ of truth – v. 1-2 (cf. James 1:19-25)
- C. R _____ – v. 3 (ask; cf. James 1:5-6)
- D. Realign Your _____ and _____ – v. 4
- E. Recognize Constantly God’s _____ – v. 5-9
- F. Result: you will understand the _____ of the Lord and find the knowledge of God

Conclusion: *What does God think of those who fear Him? Malachi 3:16-18.*