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INTRODUCTION:

From the earliest time till date, one crucial factor that has distinguished men, one from another, is the extent to which they fear and have regard for God. This was what separated Abel from Cain, and Noah, Job and Joseph from the rest of their generation. No wonder the Scripture says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” God is still the same. He is in search of men and women who will not only pray and sing to Him but also fear Him (Psalm 33:8; John 4:23).

Note: The fear of God is proved in your obedience to all His commandments and instructions.

Why are you not doing that thing? Is it because of your boss, your parent, your church member who may probably see you, or what people may say?

Joseph refused his master’s wife even when everything seemed to be perfectly in secret because he feared God (Gen. 39:9–10).

Scripture Focus: Job 1:1; Gen. 39:1–13; Psalm 25:14; 97:10

In this teaching, we shall unravel what it actually means to fear God.

What does it mean to fear God?

“By their fruits ye shall know them.”

You can be doing all in the house of God, but not with godly fear.

Godly fear does not necessarily imply running helter-skelter upon hearing about God, but treating Him with awesome reverence (reverential fear).

As a matter of fact, the fear of God should engender love, warmth and fellowship. This was the situation between man and God before the fall (Gen. 3:8–10).

Therefore, to fear God is to:

- a. To respect, keep or obey His words/commandments – (Deut. 8:6; 10:12; 17:19; Eccl. 12:13)
- b. To have regard for Him and anything that is His – (Psalm 89:7)
- c. To love righteousness and hate iniquity – (Job 1:1–5; Exo. 1:17; 18:21; 2 Cor. 7:1; Prov. 8:13; Heb. 1:9)
- d. To be transparent in secret and in the open – (Gen. 39:7–9)

How to Prove/Know We Fear God

To confirm whether you fear God or not, sincerely ask yourself the following questions:

- a. Do I take God's word, instructions or warnings seriously? – (1 Sam. 3:17; 15:17–21)
- b. As a ruler, leader or boss, how do I treat my subjects, followers, workers or maid? (Eph. 6:6–9)
- c. Can my inner thoughts and secret affairs be exposed without being ashamed? (Romans 2:16)
- d. Do I live a double life or a make-believe life? (Matt. 7:15–20)
- e. Do I serve Him with honesty (stewardship)? (Josh. 24:14; Deut. 6:13)
- f. Do I delight in His worship and praise? (Psalm 22:23)

Conclusion

“By their fruits ye shall know them.” You can be doing all in the house of God but not with godly fear. The fear of God is simply total obedience to God's instruction and to love Him

with the whole of your heart. The fear of the Lord is a lifestyle one chooses to live—by craving to please, honour, and obey God all the time.



When you fear God, you can hand over your heart to Him totally.

Do you fear God?

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