

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FEAR OF GOD?

The Reverence for God

(Ecclesiastes 12:13)

“He who fears God has nothing else to fear.” (Charles H. Spurgeon)

I. _____ the Fear of God (Prov. 1:7)

A. “The _____ awareness that I am in the presence of the _____, _____, and _____ God, and that every _____, _____, and _____ is _____ before Him and is being _____ by Him” (Heb. 4:13)

B. “Begins when we realize that our _____ are in _____ and that He is _____ to do with us as He _____” (Rom. 11:36)

1. Includes a “_____” that comes from _____ who He is

2. Produces a heart attitude of “_____” to Him

C. “Recognizes that our lives _____ around _____, not _____”

D. “Is the starting point for _____ of our relationship with God”

II. _____ the Fear of God

A. Focus on _____ (Prov. 2:1-5)

1. Revere the _____, non-_____ principles of God’s Word (Deut. 17:19)

2. Relate the _____ of _____ to the _____ of God (1 Cor. 9:27)

3. Consider the _____ He uses for how we _____ respond

a. _____ (Isaiah 8:13)

b. _____ (Ps. 4:4; cf. Dan. 5:5-9; Matt. 28:3-4)

c. _____ (Jer. 17:18; Dan. 10:8-11; 18-19)

d. _____ (Mark 4:41; Luke 8:37; 24:36-37)

- B. Focus on the _____ (Rev. 1:12-17)
 - 1. He is the _____
 - 2. He is the _____
- C. Honor God with the “_____” of your _____
(Deut. 14:22-23)
 - 1. Recognizes that God is in _____ of our _____
 - 2. Demonstrates confidence that He will _____ our _____
 - 3. Understands that if we _____ to give, the “_____”
is allowed to _____ our resources (Mal. 3:8-11; cf. 2 Cor. 9:6)

III. _____ the Fear of God

- A. Leads to personal _____ (Prov. 3:7)
 - 1. Fear His _____ for _____
 - 2. Learn to _____ the sin that _____ us
- B. Promotes _____ (Prov. 10:27; 14:27)
 - 1. Avoid _____ that is self-_____
 - 2. _____ can bring the _____ of God
- C. Produces a _____ (Prov. 14:26)
 - 1. God-fearing _____ can rear God-fearing _____
 - 2. Society has _____ the parents’ _____ of _____
 - 3. The _____ is _____ to a less _____ god
- D. Generates _____ (Prov. 15:33; 1 Pet. 5:5)
 - 1. _____ to God’s _____
 - 2. _____ personal _____ (Luke 18:14; Phil. 2:3)
- E. Causes _____ (Prov. 19:23)
 - 1. Requires a proper response that leads to a _____
 - 2. Drives out all _____ that would steal our _____
- F. Results in _____ (Prov. 22:4)
 - 1. Engenders a _____ life
 - 2. Engenders a _____ life