

## **Fear God - Revelation 14:7**

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Psalm 130:4 – The fear of the Lord begins with forgiveness  
But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Fear God... is linked with the 1st commandment

## **The beginning of wisdom, knowledge and understanding**

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the **beginning** of **wisdom**: a good **understanding** have all they that **do his commandments**: his **praise** endureth for ever.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the **beginning** of **knowledge**: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the **beginning** of **wisdom**: and the knowledge of the holy is **understanding**.

Psalm 55:18 Berean Standard Bible – **God is the initiator of our Salvation, He frees us from our enemies – 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment**

18 He redeems my soul in peace from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me.

Psalm 55:19 NKJV – **Notice how the fear of the Lord is central to change! Change is the beginning of being released from the slavery of sin. God gives us freedom to change again! He gives us the power to choose Him!**

19 God will hear and humiliate them— the One enthroned for the ages— Selah because they do not change and they have no fear of God.

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Proverbs 16:6 - KJV - **The fear of the Lord is to depart from evil!**

By **mercy** and **truth** iniquity is purged: and **by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.**

Genesis 4:7 NLT

You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

Job 28:28

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is **wisdom**; and to depart from evil is **understanding**.

Proverbs 15:33

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of **wisdom**; and before **honour** is **humility**.

\*Proverbs 2:1-5 - **The Capstone**

1 My son, if thou wilt **receive my words**, and hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto **wisdom**, and apply thine heart to **understanding**;

3 Yea, if thou criest after **knowledge**, and liftest up thy voice for **understanding**;

4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for **hid treasures**;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

Isaiah 33:6

And **wisdom** and **knowledge** shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his **treasure**.

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### **1st Commandment**

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

6 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 7 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

Exodus 20:1-3

1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

- The Lord starts His code of love with His title "I am"
- The Lord "your" God makes it personal
- The Lord brings us His freedom
- Egypt is a symbol of slavery, separation from God, atheism and secularism.

- Joseph referred to prison as "this house" - Genesis 40:14
  - The Lord frees those who are in bondage
  - The 1st commandment - The Lord removes other gods that hold us captive
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## **Mercy**

Psalm 33:18

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that **fear him**, upon them that hope in his **mercy**;

Psalm 103:11

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his **mercy** toward them that **fear him**.

Psalm 103:13

Like as a **father pitieth his children**, so the Lord pitieth them that **fear him**.

Psalm 103:17

But the **mercy** of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that **fear him**, and his **righteousness** unto children's children;

Psalm 111:5

He hath given meat unto them that **fear him**: he will ever be mindful of his **covenant**.

Psalm 147:11

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that **fear him**, in those that hope in his **mercy**.

Luke 1:50

And his **mercy** is on them that **fear him** from generation to generation.

## **The Covenant**

Psalm 25:14

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his **covenant**.

## **Praise**

Psalm 22:23

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

Revelation 19:5

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

## **How to appropriate Gods mercy – Leading to restoration into favor with God**

When we abuse Gods mercy, mercy will remain fruitless in our lives. – Cheap grace

Psalm 51 is an example of someone who embrace Gods mercy in the proper way. And allow Gods mercy to do its intended work.

Mercy in itself is so powerful. Here in Psalm 51 we see someone David, embracing Gods mercy in the right way and allowing it to bring fruit of righteousness in his life.

Prior to this prayer David committed some terrible sins in his life. He committed adultery with another mans wife, and had his faithful servant killed in an attempt to cover up his sin once she became pregnant.

David only has 1 option he needs to appeal to and lean on Gods mercy.

Gods mercy is greater than our sins and weaknesses.

It is precisely the task of the mercy to forgive (sin), cleanse (righteousness) and transform (judgment). If only we will approach it as God wills we will approach it.

This psalms illustrates this in a wonderful way. The motive that pervades this psalms is a motive of brokenness verse 8 That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

He is so crushed by the burden of His sin as if his bones are literally broken.

Then in verse 17 David speaks about his broken spirit

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken **spirit**,

A broken and a contrite **heart**—

These, O God, You will not despise.

One way to approach Gods mercy is with a sense of humility and brokenness.

We come to God crying out to be restored so that we can again bring **glory** to His name. Because in our current state we cannot do that.

v7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

## **The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life**

Psalm 19:9

The fear of the Lord is clean, **enduring for ever**: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Proverbs 14:27

The fear of the Lord is a **fountain of life**, to **depart** from the snare of death.

### **The fear of the Lord is to hate evil**

Job 1:1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. And this man was blameless and upright, **fearing God** and **shunning evil**.

Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 1:29

For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 23:17

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

Proverbs 10:27

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

Proverbs 16:6 - Berean Standard Bible

By loving devotion and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns aside from evil.

Proverbs 22:4

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

Isaiah 11:2-3 - **The fruits of the Spirit...** notice how **rest** is prominent

And the **spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him**, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the Lord**; And shall make him of quick **understanding** in the **fear of the Lord**: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Acts 9:31

Then had the churches **rest** throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and **walking in the fear of the Lord**, and in the **comfort of the Holy Ghost**, were multiplied.

**"fear Him" is linked with keeping of Gods commandments, mercy, the covenant and praise!**

Deuteronomy 8:6

Therefore **thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God**, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Deuteronomy 13:4

Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and **keep his commandments**, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

2 Chronicles 19:7

Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is **no iniquity** with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 - **The whole conclusion**

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

**The LORD is the provider, shield and defender and place of refuge of those who "fear Him"**

Proverbs 14:26

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Psalm 34:7,11

7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Psalm 34:9

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Psalm 67:7

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 85:9

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Psalm 145:19

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

Proverbs 15:16

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

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