

Awestruck – By an Awesome God

A study of the concept of what it means to “fear God” – Old & New Testaments

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Study Time Suggestions for this series

- Reflect – This may be the most important part of each lesson – a time for you open up your heart and mind and consider the immeasurable greatness of God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Read - Have your paper and pencil ready so that you can mark down phrases and ideas that seem to be important or interesting or even disturbing to you. What are your observations?
- Receive – God has promised that He will teach us how to “trust and fear Him”. It is not something that we can really grasp on our own, but an attitude and emotion that will come through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as He reveals His truth to us and opens the “eyes of our understanding”. So, be ready to receive from Him.
- Respond – God does not force His way and will on us. He patiently waits for us to respond to His invitation to place Him above all other gods, including our own self will, so that He can bless us and His Name will be honored.

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**O LORD, our LORD, Your majestic name fills the earth
Your glory is higher than the heavens.**

Psalm 8: 1

God really doesn't need an adjective before His Name, does He? The name He gave to Moses that day when He talked to Moses about the job He had for him to do says it all. “I AM”. “I Am Who I AM”. We are the ones who need the adjectives because our minds can't grasp the mystery and majesty of God. That same God Who met with Moses wants to meet with you. He wants you to get a glimpse of Who He Is and to willingly, yes even eagerly, listen to His voice and walk with Him in obedience. Why would you choose to do any thing else when GOD is calling your name? It will be scary. You will be awestruck. You will feel inadequate, but you will be walking with The LORD.

REFLECT – Take some time to read Psalm 8 and absorb the praises that are expressed in this song.

READ – Taking a Look at God – “I Am Who I Am” –

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| 1. His Greatness – | Genesis 2: 1 – 2
Exodus 14: 29 – 31
Deuteronomy 7: 17 – 26 | Psalm 33: 4- 11
Isaiah 40: 25 - 26
Jeremiah 10: 6-7
Hebrews 1: 1 – 12 |
| 2. His Holiness - | Exodus 3: 1 - 6
Isaiah 6: 1 - 8
Isaiah 57: 15 - 19 | Luke 1: 46 - 55
II Corinthians 7: 1
Revelation 4: 9 – 11 |
| 3. His Wisdom | Job 35 and 39, 40: 1 - 5
Psalm 104: 24
Isaiah: 40: 13 - 14 | Isaiah 55: 6 - 11
Romans 11: 33 - 36
Ephesians 3: 10 – 11 |
| 4. His love | Exodus 34: 6 – 7
Deuteronomy 4: 32 –40
Jeremiah 31: 3 | John 3: 16
Romans 8: 31 – 39
I John 3: 1 and 16 |

RECEIVE – “Come, My children, and listen to Me, and I will teach you to fear the LORD.”

Psalm 34: 11

As you listen to the Lord, what does **He want you to know** and to understand about:

1. His Greatness -
2. His Holiness –
3. His Wisdom –
4. His love -

RESPOND –

“The fear of God is the soul of godliness.’ That is, the fear of God is the animating and invigorating principle of a godly life. It is the wellspring of all godly desires and aspirations. Do you desire to be a godly person? Then you must understand and grow in the fear of God.”

God is waiting to hear from you. Take some time to tell Him the desires of your heart.

Notes - Jerry Bridges, The Joy of Fearing God, (Waterbrook Press), p. 25 & pp. 45 – 116

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Lesson 2

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Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge.

Proverbs 1: 7 and 9:10

Both definitions for the word FEAR are right there for you to read in Webster’s dictionary. The first one is “the feeling of alarm caused by the expectation of danger, pain, or disaster”. It includes the emotions of dread or apprehension. The parallel verb is to be afraid or frightened, or anxious. There is a second meaning for the word fear, however. It means to have “extreme reverence or awe, as toward a supreme power”. It is an attitude that permeates one’s thinking and behavior. A few parallel verbs include revere, respect, esteem, wonder, and even worship. So what does it mean to “fear God”? Why don’t you try to write out your own definition, knowing that it may change by the time you finish this lesson.

REFLECT – Take some time to read Psalm 19 and absorb the praises that are expressed in this song.

READ – “TO FEAR GOD” - Taking a Look at the Biblical definitions (or parallel phrases) –

1. Old Testament

Deuteronomy 4: 9 – 10

Deuteronomy 5: 28 – 29

Joshua 24: 14- 15

I Samuel 12: 20 – 25

Job 28: 28

Psalm 33: 18

Psalm 115: 11

Psalm 147: 11

Proverbs 3: 5 - 8

Proverbs 8: 13

Proverbs 15: 33

Proverbs 23: 17

Ecclesiastes 12: 13 - 14

Isaiah 8: 11 - 13

Isaiah 59: 19

Jeremiah 5: 20 - 25

2. New Testament

Acts 9: 31

II Corinthians 7: 1

Hebrews 12: 28 – 29

Revelation 14: 6 – 7

RECEIVE - “Come, My children, and listen to Me,

and I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”

Psalm 34: 11

1. Do these verses help you to understand the concept of what it means to “fear the Lord”? Find some specific examples which are particularly meaningful to you.
2. Do the New Testament verses reflect the Old Testament verses or do they bring new light or meaning to the phrase?
3. Do you believe that “fearing the Lord” is mostly an emotion that you experience or a feeling that you have at specific times or is it an attitude or mindset that influences your behavior continuously? Or do you think the Bible indicates that it could be both?
4. Did you notice any benefits for those who choose to “fear of the Lord”?

RESPOND –

It’s time to write a new personalized definition of what it might mean for you to “fear God”. Be sure to include some parallel phrases and ideas that God has been showing to you by His Holy Spirit through His Word. Jesus is your willing teacher, coach, and Savior, you know.

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Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever. Deuteronomy 5: 29

Scholars have said that this topic, the Fear of the Lord, has more promises connected to it than any other theme in Scripture. The reverse may also be true, for the warnings to individuals and to nations that come when they do not revere Him are also plentiful. Motivation usually increases when there is a reward in view, but the thought of a consequence can also be a huge incentive. While we have become focused in our culture on using only the positive type of motivation, it would seem that a balance might actually be the most effective way to influence attitudes and behavior. What do you think?

REFLECT – Take some time to read Psalm 29 – a tribute to an awesome and holy God.

READ – Taking a Look at the Consequences for those who do not Fear the Lord –

1. Old Testament

Exodus 9: 27 – 35

Deuteronomy 26: 13 – 19

Deuteronomy 28: 58 – 63

I Samuel 12: 8 – 18

Psalm 36: 1 – 4

Psalm 55: 19

Proverbs 1: 28 - 33

Ecclesiastes 8: 11 - 13

Isaiah 57: 11 - 13

Jeremiah 5: 20 - 25

Malachi 3: 6 – 16

2. New Testament

Luke 12: 4 – 10

Romans 3: 9 – 18

II Corinthians 5: 6 - 11

RECEIVE – Sons and daughters, come and listen and let me teach you the importance of trusting and fearing the Lord. Psalm 34: 11 – Living Bible

1. What are some synonyms for “not fearing the Lord”? Describe it with your own words and ideas which you learned from the Bible verses above.
2. Obviously, when some one describes him/her self as a atheist or agnostic, they are not in awe of God, but what are more subtle forms of this idea?
3. What observations came to your mind as you read about the consequences for those who do not fear the Lord?
4. How do you reconcile that people who do not fear God seem to prosper and thrive? Did any of these Scriptures give you any clues or answers to this dilemma?

RESPOND –

“It is the essence of impiety (ungodliness) not to be afraid of God when there is reason to be afraid. The Scripture throughout prescribes the necessity to this fear of God under all the circumstances in which our sinful situation makes us liable to God’s righteous judgment.” John Murray

Is God asking you to think about consequences? About His justice and holiness? Is there anything that you are hiding or rationalizing in your life today?

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**Let the whole world fear the LORD,
And let everyone stand in awe of Him.** Psalms 33: 8

What would you ask for if God met you as he did King Solomon so many years ago? Do you remember how King Solomon responded to God when He offered to give the king whatever he desired? His answer greatly pleased the Lord because it was not selfish. It was not for wealth or a long life, nor for riches or honor, but it was for a discerning and wise heart so that He could lead the people of God, the Israelites – I Kings 3. It seems rather significant that one of the major themes that Solomon writes about in his book of proverbs is “the fear of the Lord”. What is the connection between wisdom and the fear of God, do you think?

REFLECT – Spend some time reading Psalm 33 – stand in awe of the LORD

READ – Taking a Look at the insight that Solomon gives us through his Proverbs –

(Using various translation and paraphrases will help you gain insight.

Notice parallel and/or contrasting statements as you study.)

1: 7	15: 33
2: 1 – 6	16: 6
3: 7 – 8	19: 23
8: 13	22: 4
9: 10 – 11	23: 17
10: 27	22: 21 - 22
14: 26	29: 25
14: 27	31: 30
15: 16	

RECEIVE – Come, children, listen closely; I’ll give you a lesson in GOD worship.

Psalm 34: 11 – The Message

1. In Solomon’s mind, what do you think the “fear of the LORD” really means?
Why is it the beginning of wisdom or knowledge?
2. What are the benefits or results of being wise according to the proverbs?
What makes someone wise?
3. What are the promises that are given in these proverbs to those who stand in awe,
who revere, who trust in the LORD?
4. What is the evidence that someone really does “fear the Lord”?
5. How do you think Proverbs 31: 30 could apply to you and me?

RESPOND –

Whatever your circumstances are today, this would be a good time to look back at Psalm 33: 17 – 22. Those who fear the LORD are the people whose hope is in His unfailing love, Where do you find your hope – in people, in your bank account, in your abilities, in your health – Or in your God, Who is ABLE – awesomely able.

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**Fear the LORD you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.
The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**
Psalm 34: 9 – 10

Do you consider yourself to be a theologian? It’s an intimidating word, isn’t it? In her very helpful book, When Life and Beliefs Collide, Carolyn Custis James, defines a theologian as “one who knows God deeply and draws strength from this knowledge to trust Him . . . with extraordinary wisdom and boldness”. It makes me want to be a theologian. How about you? It’s a process of learning all that we can about God and then integrating that knowledge with our actions and behavior. David helps us to do exactly that through his Psalms. You may not have any degrees following your name for others to notice, but you can become a graduate theologian in God’s eyes if you take this definition seriously!

REFLECT – Take some time to read Psalm 34 – Why is David in awe of God at this time?

READ – **Taking a Look at the insight that David gives us through his Psalms.**

Notice how he describes God and then responds with trust, courage, confidence and obedience. Is that what “fearing God” is all about?

19: 7 – 11

22: 22 – 23, 25

25: 12 – 14

33: 18 – 19

34: 7, 9, 11

40: 1 – 4

61: 3 – 5

66: 16 – 20

85: 8 – 9

103: 11 – 18

111: 2 – 5, 9 - 10

112: 1 - 4

115: 11 - 13

118: 4

128: 1 - 4

130: 3 - 4

145: 17 - 20

147: 10 - 11

RECEIVE – **Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you to revere and worshipfully
fear the Lord.** Psalm 34: 11 – Amplified Bible

1. What factors made David strong enough to write Psalm 34 at a time when he was fleeing from the wrath of King Saul and then could have been killed by the king of the Philistines?
2. Psalm 130 gives a very specific reason for learning to “fear God”. What is it and why is the writer of this prayer so overwhelmed by the LORD?
Bonus question - Think about this verse being in the Old Testament and then consider what verses you know about this subject in the New Testament.
3. In Psalm 119 there seems to be a connection between the fear of God and His law. Why would this be true? Verses 27, 38, 63, 74, 79, 120
4. Are there some promises written to those “who fear the LORD” that are there for you in your circumstances today? What would it take to integrate your belief and your behavior?

RESPOND –

To the one who does not know the love and forgiveness of God in Jesus, fear of Him means terror and fright, punishment and judgment. To the one who knows His mercy and grace, His promises and peace, fear of Him means deep gratitude, honor, worship and service. Where do you stand?

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Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He did for me.

Psalm 66: 16

Would you take it as a compliment if someone described you as a “God-fearing” person? If it is said for all the right reasons, then there is probably no other description that could be more admirable. Do you know some men or women about whom you might feel this way? What is it about them that would make you come to this conclusion? It’s good to spend time with people that you really admire, with people who know God well and the way that they respond to life gives you abundant proof of that fact.

REFLECT – Before you begin your study, join with the choir as they sing the anthem of praise to God found in Psalm 66.

READ – Learning from the examples of Abraham, Joseph and the midwives

Though their circumstances are very different, each of these people is recognized because their actions give evidence that “the fear of God” influences their attitudes, choices, and behavior. You and I can learn from each of their stories.

1. Abraham and his son – Genesis 22: 1 – 19
2. Joseph and his brothers – Genesis 42: 1 – 24
3. The Midwives – Exodus 1: 1 - 21

RECEIVE – God said, “I will personally instruct them. They will learn to fear me as long as they live and they will teach their children to fear me also.” Deuteronomy 4: 10 NLB

As you reflect on each of these stories, here are some questions you might want to consider, remembering God wants to give you insight and understanding through the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to open your mind and heart to the truths which He wants to give you today.

1. In the challenge that this person was facing, how did “fearing God” affect his/her choices?
2. What do you think is meant by that description in this particular story?
3. Who said that this person “feared God”? Is this significant?
4. What do you notice about this person’s relationship to God?
5. Was there blessing or good that came out of this event because he/she “feared God”?
6. What insight or impact is God showing you through this story?

RESPOND –

“Come, and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He did for me!

For I cried out to Him for help, praising Him as I spoke.

If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.

Praise God, Who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw His unfailing love from me.”

Psalm 66: 16 – 20 - NLB

What has God done for you? What is your story? Do people know that you fear Him?

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**For God’s unfailing love toward those who fear Him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.**

Psalm 103: 11

Have you ever heard God calling your name? Probably it wasn’t audible to your natural ears. Most likely no one else even knew that God was speaking to you. But for you, it was a moment in time when the “ears of your heart” were open to the quiet voice of the LORD. Other times God gets our full attention through something dramatic, unexpected, or unusual. Quite often we “hear the voice of God” through another person. When God first called Moses by name, it was dramatic – a burning bush (Exodus 3), but that encounter changed Moses’ life. That experience was the beginning of his journey and passion to be a man who feared God – for all the right reasons. In the beginning, he resisted God’s plan for him, but as the years passed, he became the man that God entrusted with His truth for the Israelites and for you and me.

REFLECT – There are so many reasons to praise the LORD – Read Psalm 103
Join with David, using the words “I” and “me” to personalize your praise.

READ – Learning from the example and teaching of Moses

1. Moses and Pharaoh – Exodus 9: 27 – 35
2. Moses and his father-in-law – Exodus 18: 13 – 26
3. Moses and the people – Exodus 20: 18 – 22
4. The law - Leviticus 25: 17, 36, and 43
5. Moses’ instructions to the Israelites while they were in the wilderness for 40 years – Deuteronomy
4: 9 – 10
5: 28 – 29
6: 1 – 2
6: 13 – 15
6: 24 – 25
10: 12 – 13
10: 20 – 22
13: 4
14: 22 - 23
17: 14 - 20
28: 58- 60
31: 12 - 13

RECEIVE - God said, “Assemble the people before Me to hear My words so that they may learn to revere Me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.”

Deuteronomy 4: 10 NIV

As you reflect on the life of Moses and the instructions which he gave to the people of Israel as their leader, there is a great deal to learn about what it meant for Moses and his people “to fear God”.

1. What keeps people from recognizing and turning to the LORD God even after they have seen amazing miracles? Why did Pharaoh still not fear God?
2. Why do you think this story about Moses and his father-in-law is included in the Bible?
3. Awestruck – by God! What does Exodus 20 teach you about being afraid and about the fear of God? Is there a difference? Are there some similarities? Do they produce the same result?

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The last 3 verses of Deuteronomy (34: 10 – 12) pay a wonderful tribute to Moses.
Is God calling your name? Is there something that He is asking you to do? What is your answer?

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**The LORD provided redemption for His people;
He ordained His covenant forever – holy and awesome is His name.** Psalm 111: 9

Who are your Biblical heroes? After you have made your list, it would be a very good idea to write down a few reasons for choosing each of those particular people. The advice that we receive from individuals whom we greatly admire and respect can often impact our lives and give us insight that influences our decisions. But when several of these people give you the very same counsel, then there is no question that you would be wise to listen and heed their guidance very carefully. Wouldn't you agree?

REFLECT – Psalm 111 – Take some time to consider a few reasons to be in awe of your God.

READ – Learning from the life and counsel of Joshua, Samuel, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Nehemiah and Job

1. Joshua – Joshua 4: 19 - 24 – Entering the promised land –
Joshua 24: 13 – 24 – At the end of his life –
2. Samuel – I Samuel 12: 13 – 25 – Samuel's speech at the coronation of Saul
3. Jehoshaphat – II Chronicles 19: 4 – 7 – Instructions to the judges of the land
4. Hezekiah – II Kings 18: 1 – 8 - Good king of Judah
5. Nehemiah – Nehemiah 1: 4 – 11 – His prayer to God
Nehemiah 5: 6 – 13 – Instructions to the people
Nehemiah 7: 1 – 2 - Choosing Hanani, his brother, as leader
6. Job – Job 1: 1 – 5 - A description of the man, Job
Job 23 - Job's view of God
Job 28 - Job's view of wisdom
Job 38 – 39 - When God speaks . . . Job is AWESTRUCK

RECEIVE – Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of Jehovah. (ASV)

1. There are some similarities and some differences between what is meant by “fearing God” in these Biblical texts. Make a list of your observations in each category.
2. If you were asked to prepare a devotional or explain to someone what it means to “fear God”, which one of the first 5 people would you choose to use as your illustration? How could you use this story to motivate someone?
3. What kind of a man is Job? Think about the words which are used to describe him in the verses in Chapter 1. What do they mean?
4. Write a short paragraph which summarizes Job's view of God and his view of wisdom? Do you agree with Job? What questions does this bring to your mind?
5. Put yourself in Job's place – totally devastated by the circumstances of life, accused by his friends, (Job 34: 34 – 37) and crying out with determination to his God for wisdom and understanding. And then, God speaks. He reveals to Job His omnipotence and His sovereignty and so much more. What was Job's response to God? - (Job 42: 1 – 6)

RESPOND

What is God saying **to you** about Himself just now?
It's important that you listen before you respond.

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**God fulfills the desires of those who fear Him. He hears their cry and saves them.
The LORD watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.**

Psalm 145: 19 – 20

Warnings! They're negative, usually repetitive, and often ignored, aren't they? In our culture today we want to hear the positive reasons for doing something – the benefits, the promises, and the advantages. We grow weary of hearing the possible side effects, the potential dangers, or the chance of disaster. However, in God's economy, His warnings are not simply suggestions or options. His warnings are always accurate, without any exceptions, and He has made them available and clear in His Word. The question you and I must ask ourselves is how seriously am I going to take them?

REFLECT – God's majesty. His awesome works. His abundant goodness. His glory and might.
Write your own Psalm of praise following the verses of Psalm 145, using the word “I” and “me”.

READ – Learning from the Prophets as they warn the Israelites and prophecy concerning their immediate and long range future - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and others –

1. Isaiah 8: 11 – 13
11: 1 - 3
33: 2 - 6
59: 19 – 20
2. Jeremiah 2: 13 – 19
5: 18 – 25
26: 17 – 19
3. Daniel 6: 23 – 27
4. Micah 6: 8 – 9
5. Habakkuk 3: 1 – 2
6. Haggai 1: 7 - 12
7. Malachi 3: 16 – 4: 3

RECEIVE – God said, ‘Assemble the people in My presence to listen to My words so that they will learn to fear Me in holy fear for as long as they live on the land, and then they will teach these same words to their children.’ Deuteronomy 4: 10 (Message)

1. Why did God raise up these prophets during the reign of the kings of Israel and Judah?
2. Do you think their warnings have relevance today? If so, find some specific examples from these Bible passages.
3. There are some promises given by the prophets to those who “fear God”. Is there any encouragement in them for believers now?
4. Some of the prophets illustrate how “fearing God” influences the choices that people make? Do you find there has been a correlation in any of your decisions recently?

RESPOND – God's warnings are clear. Are there any which He wants you to take seriously today?

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The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Psalm 147: 11

What is your definition of a miracle? There are two definitions in the dictionary – “an event that appears unexplainable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God” and “a person, thing, or event that excites admiring awe”. The birth of a baby is always a miraculous occasion and fits the second definition for me. However, the “new birth” is one of the most wondrous events that humans can possibly experience. To become a new person on the inside by the cleansing and power of the Holy Spirit, a child of God – it’s the ultimate miracle. Are you awestruck by the love and mercy of the LORD?

REFLECT – Read Psalm 147. How many miracles does the Psalmist describe in his song of praise to God?

READ - Learning from the Gospels and the Book of Acts

1. The Gospels

Matthew 8: 23 – 27 (Mark 4: 35 – 41, Luke 8: 22 – 25)

Mark 9: 14 – 15

Luke 1: 46 – 55

Luke 5: 25 – 26

Luke 9: 43 – 45

Luke 12: 4 – 7

Luke 23:39 – 43

2. The ACTS of the Apostles

Acts 2: 40 – 47

Acts 9: 31

Acts 10

Acts 13: 26

RECEIVE – God said, ‘Gather the people together to Me, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn (reverently) to fear Me all the days they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children’. Deuteronomy 4: 10 – Amplified Bible

1. When Mary and Elizabeth rejoice together (Luke 1) it is clear that believing God and fearing God are very closely interconnected. How do you put these two concepts together?
2. Why isn’t everyone convinced that Jesus is the Son of God when they witness His miracles? Are these the same excuses or obstacles that keep people from coming to faith today?
3. Why do you think that God chose the Gentile, Cornelius, to give Peter hospitality? As you read Acts 10 again, what part of this story impresses you the most?
4. There seems to be a contrast between “fear” and “fearing God” in several of these stories. How do they co-exist?

RESPOND – “It took a miracle to put the stars in place. It took a miracle to hang the world in space. But when He (God) saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, It took a miracle of love and grace.”

By John Peterson 1948

Have you experienced that miracle in your life? Does it continue to amaze you?

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Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! *His faithful love endures forever.*

Psalm 136: 1

Why did God give us the emotion of “fear”? Perhaps one of the biggest reasons is for our protection. In this fallen and imperfect world, legitimate fear is a wonderful gift and comes from the hand of a loving and good God. Fear gives us boundaries which keep us safe. We take certain precautions because of it. At certain times fear provides an incentive for action and in other situations keeps us from responding inappropriately or foolishly. Just like all our other emotions too much can lead to personal problems and too little can be dangerous. But, as Mike Yaconelli has said so well, “Our world is ... longing to see people whose God is big and holy and frightening and gentle and tender ... and ours; a God whose love frightens us into His strong and powerful arms where He longs to whisper those terrifying words, ‘I love you.’”

REFLECT – It’s time to write your own “Psalm” of Thanksgiving to your God – a letter, simple words, a poem, prose – whatever written expression comes into your heart and mind.

READ – Learning from the Epistles and Revelation

1. The Epistles
Romans 3: 9 – 18
II Corinthians 5: 11 - 15
II Corinthians 7: 1
Ephesians 5: 21
Philippians 2: 12 – 13
Colossians 3: 23 – 24
Hebrews 12: 28 – 29
James 2: 18 - 22
I Peter 1: 13 – 21
I Peter 2: 15 – 17
2. Revelation
Revelation 14: 6 – 7
Revelation 15: 3 – 4
Revelation 19: 4 - 9

RECEIVE – ‘Gather the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’

Deut. 4: 10 ESV

1. Clearly the importance of “fearing God” is in both the Old and New Testament. Does it mean the same thing before and after the death/resurrection of Jesus or does it change?
2. In several of these NT verses the fear of God is closely associated with how we think and act. Is fear the motivation or is there something deeper than that?
3. There is a very important word at the beginning of Phil. 2: 12. It is because the content of the preceding verses (2: 1 – 11) are the basis for the instructions. What impact does this have?
4. Angels, heavenly beings, vast choirs – all singing in victory. What inspires such awe?

RESPOND – From what your family and friends observe about your life, how would they describe your God? What are you willing to let God do in you and through you so that they can see Him more clearly and accurately?

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