

Isaiah 33:6 – “The fear of the Lord is God’s treasure.” (NKJV)
Isaiah 11:3 – “His delight is in the fear of the Lord.” (NKJV)
Philippians 2:12 – “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (NKJV)

What is the Fear of the Lord?

The fear of the Lord is not about being scared of God.
The fear of God is about standing in awe and respect before Him.

Moses encouraged the people: “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” (Exodus 20:20, NKJV)

It’s about:

- Honoring Him above everyone and everything else.
- Prioritizing God in your life, making Him the center of your heart.

What happens when we fear God:

- We start to love what He loves.
- We hate what He hates.
- We cling to good and turn away from evil (Proverbs 8:13, NLT; Romans 12:9, NLT/NKJV).
- God favors and anoints those who fear Him (Hebrews 1:9, NKJV).

The Fear or Awe of God

The Bible shows us two main ways to experience the fear of God:

- Tremble at His Presence
- Tremble at His Word

1. Tremble at His Presence

What the Bible shows us:

God asks: “Do you not fear Me?” (Jeremiah 5:22, NKJV)

The angels declare: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” (Isaiah 6:3, NKJV)

Isaiah’s reaction: “Woe is me, for I am undone! For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5, NKJV)

Job says: “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore, I abhor myself.” (Job 42:5-6, NKJV)

Moses trembled with fear at God’s holiness (Hebrews 12:21, ESV).

Even the disciples were overwhelmed: they fell face down when they saw Jesus (Matthew 17:6, NLT).

John says: “I fell at His feet as dead” (Revelation 1:16-17, NKJV).





Lessons from God's Holiness:

- God's holiness is intense and awe-inspiring. His love flows from that holiness.
- Approach Him with reverence and respect (Leviticus 10:3, NKJV; Matthew 6:9, AMPC).
- The Spirit of the Lord rests upon Jesus, including the Spirit of the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2-3, NKJV).
- "The fear of the Lord is clean and lasts forever." (Psalm 19:9, NKJV)

Why This Matters Today

Today, millions of people who once identified as Christians no longer do (Barna Research). Scripture warns us that a falling away will happen before the Lord's return (2 Thessalonians 2:3, AMPC).

2. Tremble at His Word

God says He looks for those who are humble, contrite, and tremble at His Word (Isaiah 66:2, NKJV).

To tremble at His Word means obeying God fully, even when it's hard or confusing:

- Obey immediately.
- Obey even if it doesn't make sense.
- Obey even if it hurts.
- Obey even if there's no visible benefit.
- Obey all the way to completion.

Walking in Godly Fear:

- Don't let culture twist God's Word (Galatians 1:10, NLT).
- Don't avoid convicting passages of Scripture (Acts 20:26, NLT/NKJV).
- Don't manipulate the Word of God for your own benefit.

Promised Rewards of Fearing God

- **Joy and Friendship with God**
 - God shares His secrets with those who fear Him (Psalm 25:14, NLT).
 - Abraham's obedience showed his fear of God, and God confirmed it (Genesis 22:3, 12, NIV/NKJV).
 - Jesus said: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." (John 15:14, NKJV).