

FEAR *of the* LORD

How do you approach God?

The Point of This Study is NOT to get all the answers today, but for you to go away and meditate on these passages and this topic.

What is fear of the LORD in your experience? What are you afraid of? What do you fear most?

People, what we fear losing most is often what we love most.

READ PROVERBS 1:1-7

What are the benefits of fear of the LORD? vs 7 Foundation is fear of the LORD, meaning that fearing the LORD is required first.

What is fear of man? (Look at Proverbs 29:25)

Putting a man's opinion above God's opinion

READ PSALM 33 AND 34

Who is the LORD?

Creator of heaven and earth, worthy of praise, knowing all, above all, good, listens to those who fear the LORD, instructor, protector, punisher,

What is godly fear?

Psalms 34 v 9 Understanding that everything you have and are, is created and sustained by God, for the glory of God.
In Narnia, Aslan is described as "Good but not safe."

READ HEBREWS 12

How does Jesus's life help us fear the Lord? (Look at Hebrews 5:7)

Christ endured the cross for all our sins, understanding that he died for our smallest, tiniest sin should impact everything in our lives.

What physical reaction is associated with fear of the LORD?

Trembling. God hasn't changed. The more I know God, the more I know how sinful, how vile, how insignificant, how wicked and how unholy I am. Yet God still loves me and gave everything for me.

What are you thankful for? What sins have you committed this week? What do we love most?

For Personal Reflection

How do we cultivate fear of the Lord?

Humility Honesty Service Honoring and learning from Elders
Prayerless ness is ~~Reading & Memorising~~ Obedience
Pride Scripture that impacts Psalm ~~III~~ 111:10... next week.

Verses to write and meditate on...

PSALM 2:11

Serve the LORD with reverent fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

PROVERBS 9:10

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom.
Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgement.

PROVERBS 3:7

✱ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.
Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

ISAIAH 11:3

He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay

PSALM 147:11

No, the LORD's delight is in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.

PROVERBS 22:4

True humility and fear of the LORD.
lead to riches, honor & long life.

PSALM 128:1

How joyful are those who fear the LORD -
all who follow his ways.

How do you approach God?

Personal Meditation throughout the week.

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OBEYING GOD'S COMMAND

How do you delight in God? Thinking about God / Knowing God / Others honoring God

POP QUIZ... Name the Ten Commandments

Again we won't finish this study today... Take home and meditate
What is your experience of rules? What do you think of God's Law he gave to Moses?

I like rules. The law and Old Testament are too misunderstood and dismissed

READ PSALM 19

What description do we get of God's revelation to us?

God's world - every created thing speaks the glory of God.

God's way word - its beautiful.

God's way - a reflection of God in us

READ EXODUS 20

What has happened already in Exodus?

God has revealed his name. YHWH (Ex 3) SALVATION & COVENANT
(LORD)

The Israelites have been redeemed / saved from Egypt. (Ex 12)

What is the nature of a command? How can we break a command?

A command is obeyed or disobeyed, there is punishment involved.

Sins of omission and sins of commission

Blessings and curses. (Deut 28)

Who's standard is this? What do commands show us about the lawgiver?

The LORDS

Commands show what the LORD values, it is also a command's nature to show us what is valued.

What principles do the commands portray? What is the community aspect of these commands?

Commands also point us to good, ie undivided allegiance (1) honor life (6)

The commandments promote human flourishing in community.

There is no sin that doesn't affect someone else.

What is the purpose of the law?

To show God's redeemed people how to live under his rule.

READ GENESIS 3:1-19

Who do humans obey? How do we show trust? How do obedience and trust connect?

The serpent (the devil). We show our trust in God by obeying him.

What do our actions show we value?

I To Think about.

What is your response? Do you trust and obey God's Commands even when we can't see the outcome?

Personal Reflection

PSALM 119:97

O how I love your instructions,
I think about them all day long.

PSALM 1:2

But they delight in the law of the LORD,
meditating on it day and night.

1 JOHN 3:4

Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for
all sin is contrary to the law of God.

ROMANS 7:12

But still, the law itself is holy, and its
commands are holy and right and good.

ISAIAH 26:8

LORD, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws;
our hearts desire is to glorify your name.

JOHN 15:12

This is my commandment: Love each other in the
same way I have loved you.

29-31
MARK 12:28-31

Jesus replied "The most important commandment is
this: Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and
only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with
all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and
all your strength. The second is equally important:
Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment
is greater than these.

How do you delight in God?

Personal Reflection



GOD'S ETERNAL JUDGEMENT

How is your longing for God?

Disclaimer, I have found this study difficult to prepare, therefore there is a lot here, mostly unrefined.

What happens when we die? What do you think about hell or judgement? Do you think about it much?

Thomas Watson wrote: Meditate much on hell. Let us go into hell by contemplation that we may not go into hell by condemnation.

READ ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

Why should we fear and obey God? Because of judgement — NO.
Because we love who God is.

Who is judge?

God This is important, judgement is a finality of God's justice. God's justice is a good thing, so we need not fear.

READ PSALM 37

What do we learn about God? What sense do you get of judgement?

1. The LORD loves justice (28)
On the wicked, but the LORD rescues the godly.

This is the foundation for the rest of this study

What people are contrasted? What sense do you get of punishment and reward?

The wicked and the righteous
God is the author. Most sections (stanza) mention the LORD.

READ REVELATION 20:11-21:27

Who will face judgement?

Everyone, great and small. (20:12)

What timeframe is given? What is finished? How long is eternity?

None, it is finished at the cross where the punishment for our sins was poured out on Christ, whose rose and paid for our sins.

Uncomprehendable

What do you think of the new creation?

Very good

Where do you want to go? Where does God want you to go? Where do you want others to go?

Personal Reflection.

How does knowing the end lead us to pray? For us? And for those far from God?

Pray for God's heart for the lost.

Write down specific people to pray for.

How do you prepare for the end? How are you helping others prepare for the end? Are you living like Christ? How is the gospel lived out in your own context?

For personal reflection.

HEBREWS 6:2

You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

ISAIAH 5:16

But the LORD of Heaven's Armies will be exalted by his justice. The holiness of God will be displayed by his righteousness.

PSALMS 7:9

End the evil of those who are wicked,
and defend the righteous.
For you look deep within the mind and heart,
O righteous God.

2 CHRONICLES 19:7

Fear the LORD and judge with integrity, for the LORD our God does not tolerate perverted justice, partiality, or taking of bribes.

2 PETER 3:13

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11

Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the LORD, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this too.

How is your passion for God?

For personal reflection

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