

# The Fear of God

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**Commanded**

# Defined

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- O.T. – two words
  - ◆ Terror, dread, causing fear
  - ◆ Reverence, respect for God for who He is
- N.T. – one word usually translated reverence, respect, but also terror or dread

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- Israel – Deut. 6:13; 13:4; Psa. 33:8
- Christians – 1 Pet. 2:17; Eph. 5:21
- We must decide who we will fear – Josh. 24:13-15; Deut. 31:6

**Who will you fear?**

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# Why Fear God?

# Fear God because...

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- Who God is – Matt. 10:28; Psa. 103:11; Rom. 2:8-9
- Necessary for gaining:
  - ◆ Knowledge – Prov. 1:7; 9:10
  - ◆ Wisdom – Job 28:28; Prov. 8:13; 16:6; 2 Cor. 7:1
  - ◆ Serving God acceptably – Heb. 12:28-29; Titus 2:11-15

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How do we  
know if we fear  
God properly?

# Proper fear...

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- Learned from God's word – Prov. 2:1-6; Deut. 4:10; 17:18-19; Psa. 86:11
- Produces obedience – Prov. 1:29-30; Gen. 22:12



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# Results of Godly Fear

# Fearing God brings...

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- Blessings and honor – Psa. 115:13; Prov. 22:4

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- Mercy and pity – Psa. 103:17

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- Life and safety – Prov. 19:23; 14:27; 33:18; Psa. 34:7

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