

The Fear of the Lord

by Charles Stanley

The fear of the Lord is a quality of awe and reverence for God that brings many benefits to our lives, including wisdom, a strong family, and protection from divine angels.

Scripture: Psalm 34:7, Psalm 111:10, Psalm 112:2, Psalm 112:4, Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 14:26, Proverbs 22:4, Luke 1:50

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Description

Charles Stanley preaches on the importance of fearing the Lord, emphasizing that it involves appropriate awe and reverence for who God is, rather than terror. He highlights how the fear of the Lord leads to hating evil, acquiring wisdom, and growing in love for the Bible and God's commandments. Stanley also discusses the blessings that come from fearing God, such as a strong family and divine protection in times of darkness and distress.

Transcript

Psalm 112:1-9

As we saw yesterday, the fear of the Lord does not have to do with terror or trepidation, but rather refers to appropriate awe and reverence for who God is. It is a quality that we as Christians should seek and nurture. Though we don't hear the expression often enough today, it should still be a great compliment to be known as a God-fearing man or woman.

To fear God produces all manner of fruit in the Christian's life. It leads to our hating evil as God does, and the Bible also tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Psalm 111:10) The more we acquire divine understanding, the greater will be our love for the Bible and God's commandments.

In addition to all these assets, we find that the person who learns to fear God will have a strong family (v. 2), with children who grow to be courageous for the truth.

God-fearing people also find that "light arises in the darkness for the upright." (v. 4) This doesn't mean that we will never have dark times or periods of distress in the valley - we will have trials, headaches, and tears like the rest of mankind. But in our hardships, we are promised the light that comes from God's angels of deliverance. These protective messengers encamp around those who fear the Lord. They surround believers above and beneath so that nothing can get at you without divine permission. Ask God to help

you have a proper, reverential fear of Him. It is a request He will be pleased to honor.

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