

Proverbs 1:7

by Chuck Smith

The fear of the Lord is not only the beginning of wisdom, but it is also the sum total of wisdom and knowledge.

Scripture: Job 28:28, Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:5, Proverbs 3:7, Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 14:27, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Isaiah 33:6, 1 Peter 2:17

Topics: "Fear Of The Lord", "Wisdom"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes that the fear of the Lord is foundational to all true knowledge and wisdom, explaining that this fear is rooted in reverence, awe, and a proper understanding of God's holiness and might. He discusses how this fear leads to a submission to God, highlighting that it is not merely the starting point but the totality of wisdom. Smith encourages believers to cultivate a proper concept of God as Creator, Preserver, and Redeemer, which fosters a healthy fear that drives them to seek knowledge and wisdom.

Transcript

Discourse on wisdom Chap. 1-9. How many wish they might begin again. Reality no beginning.

How to begin.

I. VS. 7. "FEAR OF THE LORD BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE."

A. Heb. word beginning here. Prime or first.

1. All true knowledge begins with the fear of the Lord.

B. What is meant by fear of the Lord?

1. Many neurotic fears: Recognition of His might and holiness.

2. Reverence and Awe.

3. Objectively - submission.

C. How is fear obtained?

1. Proper concept of God.

a. Creator - preserver - Redeemer

D. Image standing in His presence.

1. Appointment with Pres. Johnson.

2. How much more God.

E. Fear to displease Him.

F. Fear to disobey Him.

II. 9:10 "THE FEAR OF THE LORD THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM."

A. Different Heb. word begin - commencement sum total.

B. The fear of the Lord not only beginning but the sum total of wisdom and knowledge.

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