

*of the Lord*” leaves us lacking in wisdom, understanding, knowledge, longer life, strong confidence, and so much more.

It is critical that we learn and possess the true *“fear of the Lord”*.

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***Doesn't “Fearing God”  
Contradict “Loving Him”?***

*“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”* (1 John 4:18)

We have unmistakably seen numerous Scriptures with regards to the type and definition of the *“fear of the Lord”* that we need to have. Yet here we see that there *“is no fear in love”*.

Is the Bible contradicting itself? **God forbid!**

As is often the case, context is the key. Let's look at this passage from 1 John in the light of the previous verse.

*“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.”*  
(1 John 4:17)

Of course there *“is no fear in love”* in the context of the Christian's boldness in the day of judgment. When we stand before God in the righteousness of Jesus Christ... what is there to fear?

Notice that this passage does NOT tell us... **“don't fear God”**. What it DOES tell us is... **“don't fear judgment”**.

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***So How Should Christians Live In The  
“Fear of the Lord”?***

*“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.”* (Proverbs 16:6)

**What a POWERFUL statement this verse is!**

Iniquity is purged from us by **“mercy”** and **“truth”**! In God's mercy and grace, He sent Jesus (the **TRUTH**) to purge iniquity from us. This was accomplished on the Cross.

Through the *“fear of the Lord”* we depart from evil!

God is absolutely HOLY... He is greatly to be feared, and revered, and held in awe. We must not neglect any of these.

*“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy...”*  
(Revelation 15:4)

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*“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy...”* (Revelation 15:4)

*“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”* (Job 28:28)

*“The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”* (Psalm 19:9)

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.”*  
(Psalm 111:10)

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* (Proverbs 1:7)

*“The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.”*  
(Proverbs 10:27)

*“In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.”* (Proverbs 14:26)

In light of the verses noted above, we can clearly see that the *“fear of the Lord”* is very important. The fear of the Lord is re-

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lated to “wisdom”, “knowledge”, “longer life”, and “strong confidence”.

Surely it would be difficult to argue that the “*fear of the Lord*” is not important. Assuming agreement that this doctrine is indeed utterly imperative, we must now examine what it means to “*fear the Lord*”.

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### *What Is The Fear Of The Lord?*

#### Reverence and Awe

Many Christians believe the “*fear of the Lord*” to be nothing more than “reverence” and “awe”. This thinking is along the line that once we are saved... God is our “friend” and we do not need to “*fear Him*” with any terror.

While it may sound “logical” to view the “*fear of the Lord*” as limited to only reverence and awe... is it what the Bible actually teaches?

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### *Jesus Tells His Disciples Who To Fear*

*“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)*

We must understand the scenario here. Jesus is not speaking to jealous Pharisees and Sadducees... He is teaching His beloved disciples!

Jesus tells those who would become His apostles to “*fear God*” and not men!

Jesus describes this “*fear*” in terms of destruction in hell! Clearly this goes far beyond “reverence” and “awe”.

The Greek word used here is “*phobeō*” and the definition includes: “to put to flight by terrifying”.

Both by usage and by definition, it is impossible to conclude that Jesus was telling His disciples to only revere and stand in awe of God.

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### *A Few Other “Fear God” Verses*

*“Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.” (Proverbs 15:16)*

The definition of this Hebrew word for “*fear*” includes: “**fear, terror, fearing**”

*“God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.” (Psalm 89:7)*

This Hebrew word for “*fear*” has a definition inclusive of: “to dread... be afraid... (terrified)...shake terribly”

*“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.” (2 Corinthians 5:11)*

The definition of this Greek word includes: “**fear, dread, terror - that which strikes terror**”

*“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:31)*

This Greek word is defined as: “**inspiring fear, terrible, formidable - affected with fear, timid**”

Obviously, the “*fear of the Lord*” extends beyond reverence and awe. Most of the words in the Bible translated as “*fear*” in regards to God include elements of terror.

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### *Without Biblical “Fear” What Are We Missing Out On?*

We established at the onset of this message that the “*fear of the Lord*” is vitally important. Then we set out to define what the “*fear of the Lord*” actually is. Now we will review what we “miss” when we do not have, or we do not embrace the proper “*fear of the Lord*”.

In the opening of this writing, several verses of Scripture are quoted. From them we learn that the “*fear of the Lord*” is essential for: “wisdom”, “knowledge”, “longer life”, and “strong confidence”. There is more that we could add to this list that is associated with the “*fear of the Lord*”.

However, analyzing this list we learn that an inappropriate, incomplete, or incorrect “*fear*