

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

I have good news. Our God is the source of all wisdom. If you have a desire for wisdom, that pursuit starts with a fear of the Lord. The phrase “the fear of the Lord” is found throughout the book of Proverbs. But fear?? What good comes from fear? It has been said that the fear of the Lord causes us to run toward God instead of running from God. Now that’s a different idea. Typically fear causes us to run and hide, but to fear the Lord makes us want to draw close to him. The fear of the Lord causes our eyes to stay focused on Him and his greatness while other earthly fears will grow dim. It’s the fear of the Lord that causes us to cry out to him for forgiveness. This kind of fear is life-giving. Jesus was faced with the terrifying reality of the cross. Anyone would be afraid! Praise God that Jesus’s fear of the Lord God was greater than his fear of the cross. He was the perfect sacrifice for us to be made right with God.

Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10

Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11

Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12

Proverbs 11-13; Psalm 8; Romans 13

Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What’s the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. When you have an important decision to make, how does the fear of the Lord help you in those decisions?
2. Where do you go when you seek wisdom? How does God impact your search for wisdom?
3. Read Romans 10:9-15 again. Who do you know that needs to hear the Gospel? Will you go? Stop now and pray for his or her salvation.
4. According to Romans 12:1-2 we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. What does this look like for you? How is God transforming you?
5. When are you tempted to conform to the world? Instead how can you put on the Lord Jesus and resist your flesh?

The fear of the Lord is a distinct mark of a believer. It is a step of obedience that shows a reverent awe of God. With that fear God promises so many blessings: wisdom, life, and knowledge. That is good news.