Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Acts 9:31 NIV

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others."

(2 Cor. 5:11 NRSV)

In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. - Acts 10:35

15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

1 Peter 1.15-17

## FEAR, DELIGHT, and LOVE



O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today

Nehemiah 1:11, ESV

Lord God of heaven, you are great and fearsome. And you faithfully keep your promises to everyone who loves you and obeys your commands. Nehemiah 1:5

"I love your statutes; my flesh trembles in terror of you; I fear your laws." (Ps. 119:119-120)

> What does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God by walking in all His ways, to love Him, and to worship the Lord you God with all your heart and all your soul?



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"Midwives of the Hebrews:" Shifrah and Puah



The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.



Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them. — Exodus 1:21 (NASB<sup>®</sup>)