

Q. The Fear of the Lord

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S I N N E R S

In the Hands of an

Angry GOD.

A S E R M O N

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At a Time of great Awakenings; and attended with remarkable Impressions on many of the Hearers.

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Amos ix. 2, 3. Though they dig into Hell, thence shall mine Hand take them; though they climb up to Heaven, thence will I bring them down. And though they hide themselves in the Top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my Sight in the Bottom of the Sea, thence I will command the Serpent, and he shall bite them.

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"IT IS A FEARFUL
THING TO FALL
INTO THE HANDS
OF THE LIVING
GOD."

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Matt. 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

The fear of the Lord is
the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs 9:10

REVELATION 19:15

... He Himself
treads the
winepress of
the fierceness
and wrath of
Almighty God.¹⁵



10 For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may
receive what is due for what he has done in
the body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we
persuade others. But what we are is known to
God, and I hope it is known also to your
conscience.

2Corinthians 5:10-11

If you call on the Father, who without
partiality judges according to each one's
work, conduct yourselves throughout the
time of your stay here in fear;

1 Peter 1:17



Do not fear those who kill the
body and after that can do no
more. But I will tell you whom
to fear: fear the one who after
killing the body has the
authority to throw into
Gehenna. (Luke 12:4-5)


Work out your own salvation
with fear and trembling

Philippians 2:12

FEARING GOD

2 Kings 17:35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

2 Kings 17:36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.



However, If You Do Not Obey
The Lord Your God And Do
Not Carefully Follow All His
Commands And Decrees I Am
Giving You Today, All These
Curses Will Come Upon You
And Overtake You:

Deuteronomy 28-15

Acts 10:1-2 NIV

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

**“DO NOT CALL CONSPIRACY
EVERYTHING THIS PEOPLE
CALLS A CONSPIRACY; DO NOT
FEAR WHAT THEY FEAR, AND
DO NOT DREAD IT. THE LORD
ALMIGHTY IS THE ONE YOU ARE
TO REGARD AS HOLY, HE IS THE
ONE YOU ARE TO FEAR, HE IS
THE ONE YOU ARE TO DREAD.
ISAIAH 8:12-13**

God's Covenant

AMOS 3:2

“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.

Deuteronomy 30:2-3

“They asked *Wisdom*: What should be the punishment of a sinner? And *Wisdom* said: *Misfortune pursues sinners* (Prov. 13:21). They asked *prophecy*: What should be the punishment of a sinner? And *prophecy* said: *The soul that sins shall die* (Ezek. 18:4, 20). They asked *the Holy One*, blessed be He: What should be the punishment of a sinner? And He said: *Let him repent and he will be atoned for.*”

I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, Breaking My covenant with

them

Lev 26:44

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:29 NKJV

“Do not be like servants who serve their master on condition of receiving reward, but be like servants who serve their master not on condition of receiving a reward; and let the fear of Heaven be upon you”

(Antigonos of Sokho, 3rd century BC)

“The only ones who serve God in this way are the uneducated and children, who are trained to serve from fear until their knowledge grows and they come to serve out of love.”

Maimonides

“Fear of punishment sees sin as dangerous; reverence sees it as disgusting.”

Rabbi Norman Lamm

But when we are judged,
we are disciplined by the
Lord so that we will not
be condemned along
with the world

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11:32

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, **afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

God uses chastening like our Parents did, for our good, that we might share His holiness