

The Fear of the Lord: Bible Study

Look up the following verses. Based on what you read in them, define what it means to 'fear the Lord' by filling in the blanks.

<u>VERSE</u>	<u>DEFINITION OF FEARING GOD</u>
Psalms 33:8	Stand in _____ of Him
Psalms 33:18	_____ in His _____
Psalms 40:3	Put our _____ in Him
Psalms 111:10	The _____ of _____
Psalms 135:20	_____ the Lord
Proverbs 8:13	To _____ evil, arrogance, and pride
Proverbs 15:33	The _____ of wisdom
Revelation 15:4	To _____ the name of the Lord

Read Leviticus 19:14 and fill in the blanks.

If we fear the Lord, we will not _____ the deaf or put a _____ before the blind.

Read Leviticus 19:32 and fill in the blanks.

If we fear the Lord, we will _____ before the gray-headed and _____ the presence of an old man.

Read Numbers 14:9 and fill in the blanks.

If we fear the Lord, we will not _____ one another.

Give an example of what it means to oppress others. Use a dictionary if needed.

Read Deuteronomy 10:12 and answer the following questions:

- a) Is fearing the Lord an option or a requirement?
- b) To fear the Lord is to walk in all His _____.
- c) To fear the Lord is to _____ Him! Take a moment to read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.
- d) How do you see a connection between fearing the Lord and loving Him?

Read Deuteronomy 14:22-23 and fill in the blanks.

Another way we can learn to fear the Lord is through T__ T__ ING.

Why do you think doing that helps us learn to fear God?

Read Deuteronomy 17:19. How does this verse tell us to learn to fear God?

The Bible is God's Word, His statutes, His commandments, His law.

Are you reading the Bible daily? Circle response below and answer the associated questions.

NO - Why not? Are you willing to start?

YES - Can you honestly say it is helping you learn how to fear God? If yes, in what way? If no, why not?

Sometimes we can read the Bible with our head and not our heart, but God wants both our mind *and* our heart (emotions and will). If you commit to asking the Holy Spirit every day to teach you to fear the Lord, He will do it. Just ask!

A good time to do that is as you open your Bible to begin your daily reading. You can say,
"Holy Spirit, as I read Your Word, I humble myself before You and choose to be teachable. Help me learn to fear the Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Read all of Psalm 1 out loud. What impacts you the most as you read it today?

Deuteronomy 28 is full of blessings and curses that come upon us, based on whether or not we obey God. A primary part of fearing the Lord is choosing to obey Him. That's why reading His Word is so important—we can't obey Him if we don't know what He is saying to us. Read Deuteronomy 28:58-63, and write the consequences to not fearing the Lord:

Does that list motivate you to fear God? (Remember, it is *for our good* that we fear Him. Likewise, it is *for our bad* if we don't. Can you see that in these verses?)

Read Joshua 24:14, and answer the questions:

a) How are we to serve the Lord as we fear Him? In _____ and in _____.

b) Explain what it means for YOU to 'put away the gods you served in Egypt?' (Hint: gods are idols, and Egypt is a picture of our flesh, or being in bondage to sin.)

c) Are there any 'gods,' or idols (things more important to you than fearing God) in your life that you need to put away? List them here, and include how you plan to get rid of them.

Read 1 Samuel 12:14. Fill in the blank for the following phrase you see in this verse:

"...do not _____ against the commandment of the Lord..."

Take a moment now to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any commandments you have a rebellious attitude against. Pause and ask Him again if nothing comes to mind. Then, write what He tells you here.

Look up 1 Samuel 15:23.

What is rebellion equal to?

What is stubbornness equal to?

Does learning this motivate you to reject rebellion and stubbornness in your heart?

Is there any rebellion or stubbornness in your soul today? Write it here and repent.

Read 1 John 1:9 and fill in the blanks.

If we _____ our sins, He is _____ and _____ to
_____ us our sins and to _____ us from all
_____.

According to this verse, what do we do when we see sin in ourselves?

And what will God do every time when we confess sin to Him?

Is it therefore also possible that He will *not* forgive us if we do *not* confess our sin?

BONUS: Write a verse here that confirms this as true.

Take a moment now to confess any sin and receive God's forgiveness. He loves you!

Another way to keep walking in the fear of the Lord is to do according to 1 Samuel 12:24. Look up that verse and write what the Word tells us to remember.

Write five things that you are thankful God has done for you.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Challenge: put a note on your bathroom mirror with a reminder to DAILY thank God for all He has done for you. It is an effective way to fear Him.

God loves us. He defends us and delivers us.

Look up the verses below and write the benefits to fearing God.

<u>VERSE</u>	<u>BENEFITS of FEARING GOD</u>
Psalms 25:14	He will reveal to us His _____ And show us His _____
Psalms 33:18	His _____ is on us
Psalms 34:7	His _____ encamps all around us and He _____ us
Psalms 34:9	There is no _____ (we are satisfied)
Psalms 103:13, 17	God has _____ on us (mercy)
Psalms 115:11	God is our _____ and our _____
Psalms 115:13	He will _____ us
Psalms 147:11	He takes _____ in us
Proverbs 14:26	We have strong _____, and we will have A place of _____
Proverbs 14:27	We receive a _____ of life, and we are Turned away from the _____ of _____
Proverbs 16:6	We are protected from _____
Proverbs 19:23	Life, S__T__S__A__TION, and protection from evil
Proverbs 22:4	Riches, H__N__R, and life
Acts 9:31	Peace, edification, _____ of the Holy Spirit, and _____
Acts 19:17	The name of Jesus is _____

What does Psalm 22:23 say those who fear God should do?

Jeremiah 2:19 gives a heavy warning to those who will not fear the Lord. Read it and fill in the blanks.

Your own _____ will _____ you, and

Your _____ will _____ you.

Explain what that means.

The verse continues, saying that forsaking God (not fearing Him) is an _____ and _____ thing.

Read Jeremiah 5:22-24. Fill in the blank below from verse 22:

People who do not fear God will not _____ at His _____.

Why is it a good thing to tremble at the presence of God?

Do you tremble at His presence?

What are some things you've learned in this Bible study (look at the previous pages for a review) that you can focus on to learn to fear God more?

Read Malachi 3:5, and list descriptions of those who do not fear the Lord.

Do you see anything in your heart or life that connect you to any of these descriptions?

If so, list them here, and quickly repent by confessing them as sin, asking God to forgive you, and choosing to put them away for good.

Isaiah 11 is one of the many prophetic Scriptures in the Bible that speak of Jesus *before* He came to the earth in human flesh. Read Isaiah 11:1-5. The Rod and Branch spoken of in these verses are names for Jesus. What do verses 2 and 3 say about Jesus, specifically regarding the fear of the Lord?

If Jesus is the Lord, how is it that *He* fears the Lord? See John 8:29.

God is three-in-one, Father/Spirit/Son. Each part of God is pure, holy, and just. Each part equally 'fears the Lord.' Look up Psalm 19:9 and write the words used to describe the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is _____, enduring _____.

If each part of God fears *Himself* in purity forever, do you think we as His creation, of all creations, should fear Him as well?

Malachi 3:16 tells us of an exciting thing that happens when those who fear the Lord gather together and speak of God's goodness. Read the verse and fill in the blanks.

When we who fear the Lord _____ together, the Lord _____ to us, and a special book called the _____ of _____ is written before God for us who _____ the Lord and who _____ on His name.

When we get to heaven, will we get to sit down and read through all the pages that were written, documenting our conversations about God together? 😊

Psalm 86:11 is a wonderful prayer to learn the fear of the Lord. Write that verse here and determine to memorize it and pray it out loud daily.

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