

IS THERE ANY FEAR OF GOD ANYMORE?
ROMANS 3:10-18

Introduction:

1. The word “fear” is defined as “terror, alarm, reverence, respect.”
2. Fear, as used in the Bible, falls into two categories:
 - A. Beneficial fear.
 - B. Harmful fear.
3. Fear, in its natural sense, serves as an alarm system in alerting one to impending danger.
4. Consequently, one who experiences fear does one of three things: fight, flee, or freeze.
5. I am concerned for those who have no regard for fear. They have become insensitive to it and are in great danger. **v. 18**
6. When one chooses to not fear God, they are in danger of eternal damnation.
7. It is time that man awakens and has some sense of fear of God. **Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.*

I. THE FEAR OF GOD BRINGS KNOWLEDGE.

- A. The fear of the Lord brings knowledge of God’s will in your life. **Acts 9:1-6a**
 1. Paul’s fear of God brought him knowledge of the Savior.
 2. It brought him knowledge of God’s will for his life. **v. 6; vv. 10-16**
- B. The fear of the Lord brings knowledge of the future for the unsaved.
 1. All who reject Jesus reject the promise of eternal life. **John 3:18** *He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*
 - 2 They reject Him because of their ignorance so we must tell them the gospel story.
- C. It’s been said that every Christian needs three conversions: be converted to Jesus, be converted to the church through baptism, and be converted to the world, that is, be burdened for the lost.
- D. The fear of the Lord ought to spurn us on to share Jesus with others. **Romans 10:1** *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.*

II. THE FEAR OF GOD IS GAINED THROUGH OBEDIENCE. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.*

- A. Obedience is a must for Christians. **1 Samuel 15:22** *So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.*
- B. Obedience is commanded throughout the Scriptures and when one fears God, he becomes obedient to Him.
- C. Consider what spurned Abraham to offer up his son Isaac. **Genesis 22:2** *Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.", **12** And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*

III. NOT ALL MEN POSSESS THIS FEAR. **Romans 3:11-12** *There is none who understands, there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.*

- A. Certainly most possess some form of fear, but not fear of God. **Proverbs 28:1** *The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.*
- B. Sinful man fears being caught when they commit sinful acts.
- C. Sinful man fears the loss of personal property more than the loss of their soul.
Matthew 16:26 *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

IV. THE BENEFITS OF GODLY FEAR.

- A. The fear of God will prolong your days on this earth. **Proverbs 10:27** *The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.*
- B. The fear of God will cause you to quit doing evil. **Proverbs 16:6** *In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.*
- C. The fear of God will cause you to hate evil. **Proverbs 8:13** *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.*
- D. The fear of God will give you confidence. **Proverbs 14:26** *In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.*
- E. The fear of God will cause you to gain wisdom. **Proverbs 15:33** *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.*

Conclusion:

1. Do you fear God or do you not?
2. God is all powerful, He has the power to forgive your sins and He has power to cast you into hell.
3. Wouldn't you rather have eternal life instead of eternal death?