

GOD'S TREASURE

PART ONE



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Last week:

Worship – Raising our expectations
Relational exchange with God

From the heart

Prostrate – *In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for "worship" is shachah, defined to be prostrate... "bow down, crouch, fall down, humbly beseech, do obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship."*





**IF GOD HAS
A TREASURE,
DO YOU WANT IT?**

1. God Promises us:

If God has a treasure, do you want it?

If you could receive true wisdom, do you want it?

Speaking of NewLife: Do you want a fountain of life?

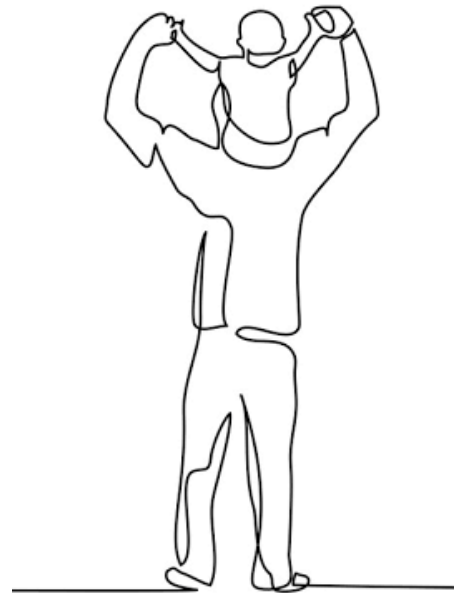
Do you want to be in a position to lack nothing?

Long life?

Riches and honour?

Leave a refuge (safety) and true legacy to your Children?

SCRIPTURE PROMISES

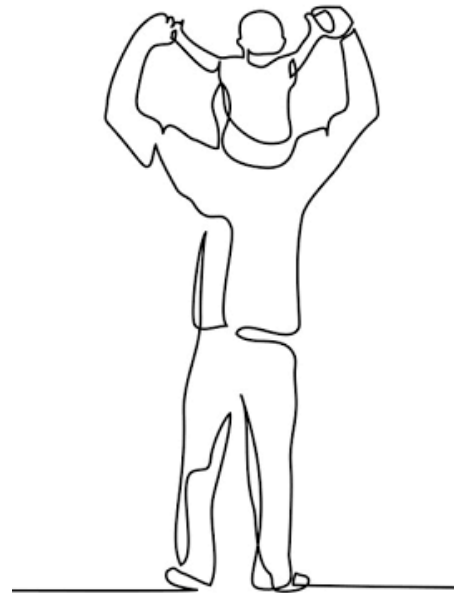


THE FEAR OF THE LORD



Isaiah 33:5 NKJV The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. 6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure.

SCRIPTURE PROMISES



We must fear God out
of love, not love Him
out of fear.

- Saint Francis de Sales



2. Definition:

The Fear of God -

Hebrew I yârê' yaw-ray'

A primitive root; to fear; morally to revere; causatively to frighten: - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing). (be had in) reverence (-end), X see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

AWE

Reverence (synonyms: worship, respect, admiration, devotion)

Reverence = Response to a revelation of God, to know Him

- ✓ If you see Him, it leads to submissiveness
- ✓ You absolutely value His OPINION / WILL / KINGDOM



The remarkable thing about
God is that when you fear God,
you fear nothing else, whereas
if you do not fear God, you fear
everything else. - Oswald Chambers



The Fear of God – IS NOT:

1. Natural fear

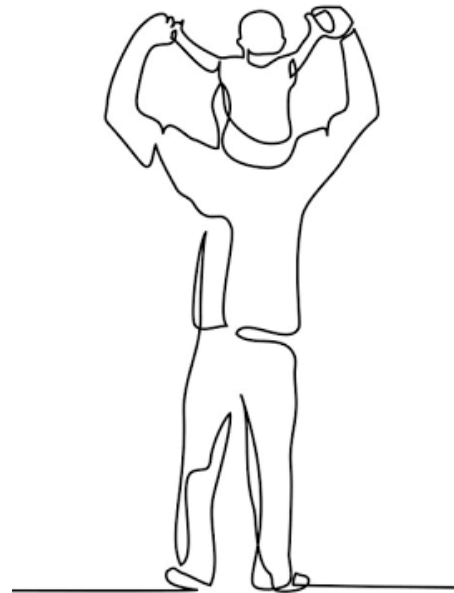
2. Demonic fear

2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:15

“To fear is to have more faith in your antagonist than in Christ.” — D.L. Moody, The Overcoming Life

3. The Fear of Man

4. Being Casual with God





Relationship with the Father

REVERANCE FROM REVELATION

REVELATION FROM ENCOUNTER

3. A Story from Scripture:

The Sacrifice of Isaac | Genesis 22:1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he answered. 2 “Take your son,” He said, “your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” 3 So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac. He split wood for a burnt offering and set out to go to the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship; then we’ll come back to you.” 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac. In his hand he took the fire and the sacrificial knife, and the two of them walked on together. 7 Then Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father.” And he replied, “Here I am, my son.” Isaac said,



“The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”
8 Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them walked on together. 9 When they arrived at the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” He replied, “Here I am.” 12 Then He said, “Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from Me.” 13 Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. 14 And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said: “It will be provided on the LORD’s mountain.” 15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven



16 and said, “By Myself I have sworn,” this is the LORD’s declaration: “Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your only son, 17 I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the gates of their enemies. 18 And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring because you have obeyed My command.” 19 Abraham went back to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham settled in Beer-sheba.



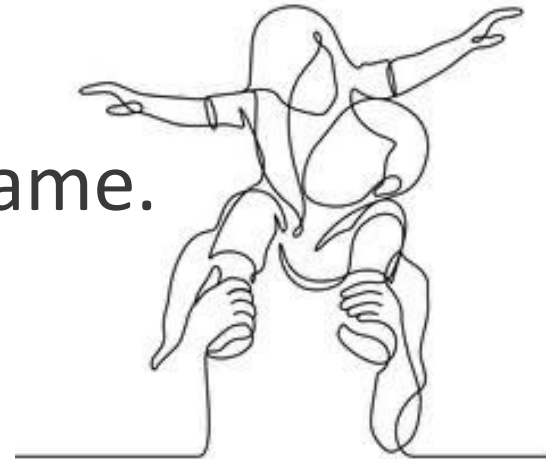
4. Teach me to find:

How do we find the treasure that is the Fear of God?

Ask Him to teach us →

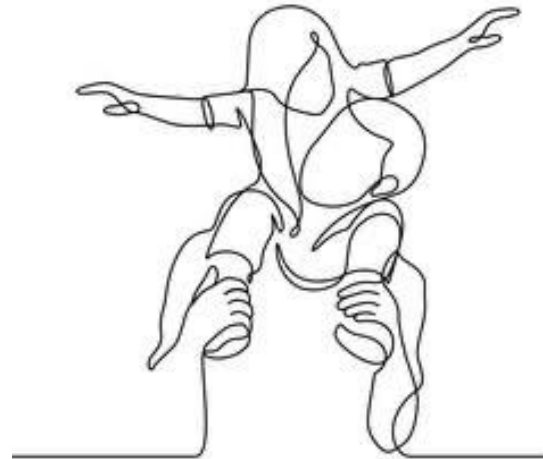
Psalms 34:11 Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Who is the man who delights in life, loving a long life to enjoy what is good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceitful speech. 14 Turn away from evil and do what is good; seek peace and pursue it.

Psalms 86:11 Teach me Your way, Yahweh, and I will live by Your truth. Give me an undivided mind to fear Your name.



Ecclesiastes 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

... **NIV** Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.



Prayer

