

GOD'S TREASURE

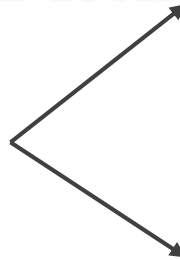
PART THREE | The Fear of Man



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THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS SERIES
OUR WHY?



Isaiah 33:6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; **The fear of the Lord is His treasure.**
- Many **PROMISES**

DEFINITION



Revere, **Awe**, See God | His will & opinion the ultimate
Reverence from **revelation** | Revelation comes from real relationship and love

NOT



Natural fear, -demonic fear, -fear of man* or being casual with God

HOW?



Psalm 34:11 Come, **children**, listen to me; **I will teach** you the fear of the Lord. [Tongue from evil&lips from deceitful speech; Turn from evil; seek peace] **Psalm 86**



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CONDITIONS —→

Proverbs 2 – My Son... understand...

**JESUS & THE
FEAR OF GOD** —→

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**JESUS, THE HOLY
SPIRIT & THE
FEAR OF GOD** —→

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the **fear of the Lord.** **3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord,** And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears

OUR HELP | THE HELPER





DURING MY PRAYER TIMES ...

Romans 2:4 Or do you despise
the riches of His goodness,
forbearance, and
longsuffering, not knowing
that the goodness of God
leads you to repentance?



DURING MY SABATICAL



Through intimacy, God's grace and love...

FEAR OF GOD I FEAR OF MAN

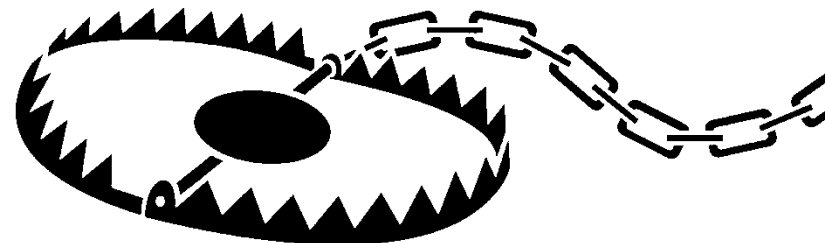
THE FEAR OF MAN

Proverbs 29:25 HCSB

25 The fear of man is a snare,
but the one who trusts in the Lord
is protected.

Proverbs 29:25 NKJV

The fear of man brings a snare, But
whoever trusts in the LORD shall be
safe.



1. Fear of Man:

Fear what man thinks of you and what you do -

- this is the opposite of the fear of God
- this is not a good type of fear

If you look at our world, culture, social media etc., it is deeply entrenched in our way of life, but unhealthy and a SNARE. **It is the opposite of the treasure of God!**

Definitions: One consumed with an inordinate desire to please others. Fearing man places others on the throne of one's life and prevents the person from obeying God and serving Him as they are called to in the Scriptures.



Fear of man is defined as an epidemic of the soul that can be characterized by peer-pressure, worry, and codependency. It is the act of placing others before God in one's life.

Can be much more subtle and disguised

God convicts and not condemn!



2. The Word: Stories

1 Samuel 15 The LORD Rejects Saul as King

1 Samuel said to Saul, “I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD. 2 This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. 3 Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’” 4 So Saul summoned the men... two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand from Judah...

7 Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt. 8 He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. 9 But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling



to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. 10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: 11 “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night. 12 Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, “Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.” 13 When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.” 14 But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?” 15 Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.” 16 “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.” “Tell me,” Saul replied. 17 Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of



the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. 18 And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ 19 Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?” 20 “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. 21 The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”

22 But Samuel replied: “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.” 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions.



I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. 25 Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the LORD.” 26 But Samuel said to him, “I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!” 27 As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. 28 Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.



It is clear that fearing man can be a snare:

V23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.

NKJV 1 Samuel 15:23 “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity [*sin, evil*] and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”



‘Witches don’t necessarily march around big black pots and ride on broomsticks... Witches are manipulators and rebellious people with stubborn hearts that influence other people, situations and things with no regard for God’s love, will and Kingdom. They are self-willed, self-seeking and selfish. They are not humble and do not fear God.’



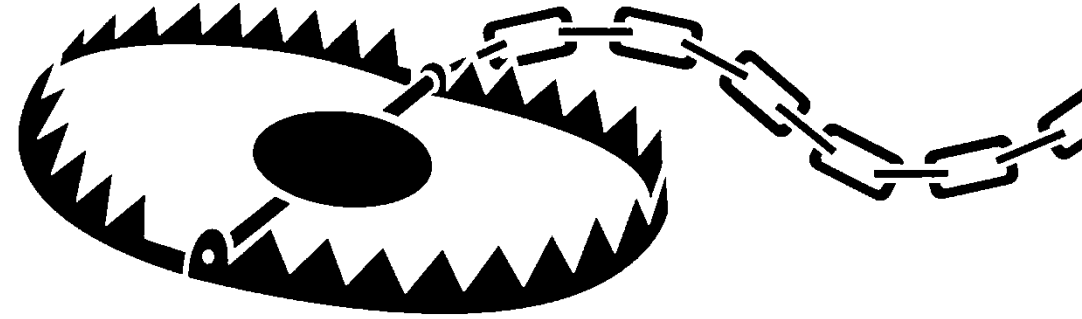
THE FEAR OF MAN IS A SNARE

Let's be careful...

Three things that cripples
the body of Christ:

- 1. Disappointment;**
- 2. Resentment; and**
- 3. The fear of man**

- B. Johnson



“If God is small, peripheral, and relatively harmless, the shadows in the eyes of others will haunt us. Their expectations will corner us. Their disappointment will crush us. Their anger will undo us. To be free from the enslaving fear of others, God has to be big — bigger than their expectations, bigger than their disappointments, bigger than their anger, big enough to fear... “Woe to us if we tremble before criticism and yawn before the cross.”

– Article by Marshall Segal



3. Great hope remains:

Ending on a faith-filled, promise giving and positive note:

Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)

The fear of man brings a snare, **But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.**

The fear of the Lord is His treasure | Great hope remains!

God is a GOOD FATHER that warns, highlights, leads and reveals.

#1 I had to see

#2 I had to repent

NOW: I am safe!



Prayer

