



**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 and BENEFITS** 

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** 

# THE FEAR OF THE LORD

**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 I THE HELPER** 

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#### FEAR OF MAN →

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man is a snare, but the one who trusts in the Lord is <u>protected</u>. Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV) The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

### FEAR OF MAN →

- What man thinks of you and what you do
- This is the opposite of the fear of God

1 SAMUEL 15 ----

The LORD Rejects Saul as King because of the Fear of Man

CRIPPLING —

To the body of Christ: **Disappointment, resentment** and the fear of man

WE PRAYED ----

'GOD EXPOSE THE SNARE'

FEAR OF MAN →

Influence / Control:

**PEOPLE or GOD** 

The enemy disguises its work through people...

FEAR OF MAN \_\_\_\_\_ Antichrist spirit

It is the antichrist spirit, which means, it ultimately wants to destroy the work, will and Church of Christ in our lives.

**EXAMPLES** 

Herod – John the Baptist killed Pilot – Jesus killed

DEATHBED REGRETS

"I wish I lived a life of courage true to the fear of God and not by the fear of man and what people would think."

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# FEAR OF GOD\_\_\_\_\_\_ Benefits

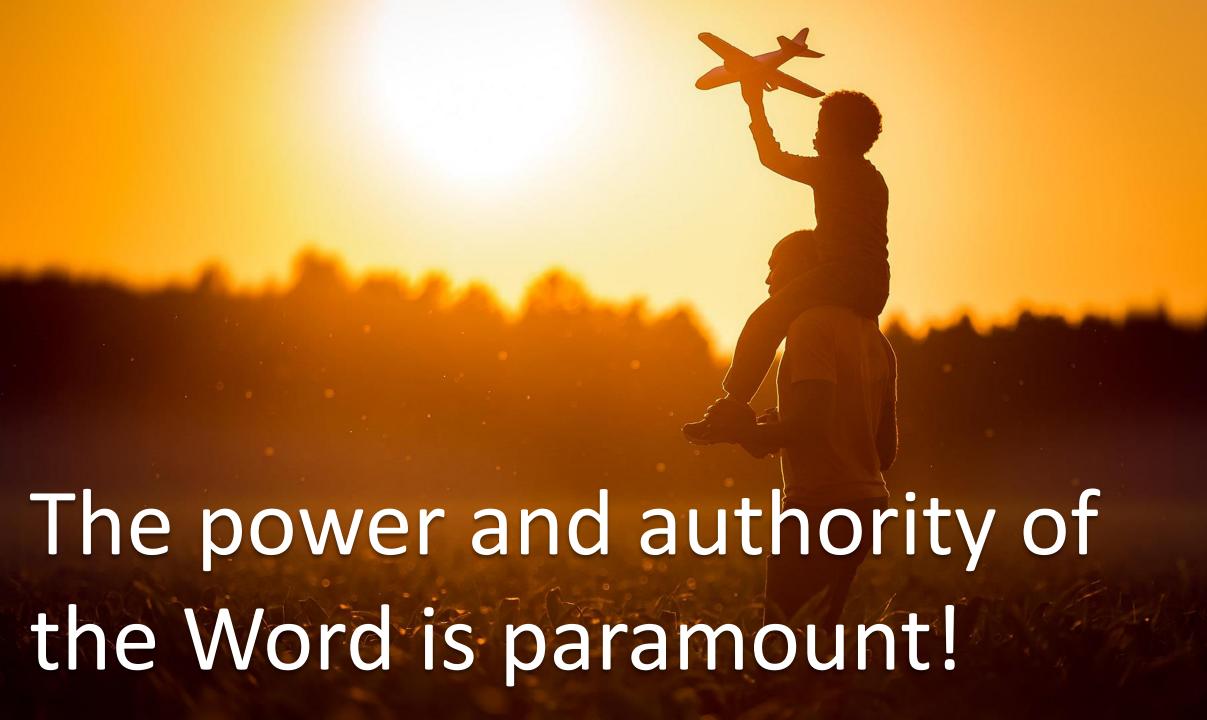
Benefit #1: Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His instructions have good insight. His praise endures forever.

WISDOM — What should we do?

**#1 Seek Him** – Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

**#2 Sacrifice for it** – C.S. Lewis - No great wisdom can be reached without sacrifice.

#3 Surround yourself with the God fearing — C.S. Lewis - The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are.



#### 1. The Fear of God I Benefits:

We continue to explore and find the benefits of the treasure of the Lord!

## **#1 WISDOM**

The fear of God and wisdoms looks like something.

Already in OT: The Israelites who obeyed God by "fearing" Him, walking in His ways, and finding delight in His commands, were declared "blessed." (Ps 112:1, 115:13, 128:1)

The Bible promises several wonderful benefits to those who "fear the Lord," "keep His commands," and "walk in his ways."



#### 2. Benefit: Life

Both physically and naturally

**Proverbs 14:27** The fear of the Lord is a fountain of <u>life</u>, turning a person from the snares of death.

#### **#NewLife**

Testimony and Scripture: John 4:13 - 15

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord leads to <u>life</u>...

**Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the Lord <u>prolongs life</u>, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.



## 3. Benefit: Safety and Protection

**Deuteronomy 6:24** So the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God for <u>our good</u> always and for <u>our survival</u>, as it is today.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

**Psalm 33:18-19** Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

**Psalm 34:7** The angel of the Lord <u>encamps around</u> those who fear Him, and rescues them.

# 4. Benefit: Healing

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Malachi 4:2 "But to you who fear My Name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with <a href="healing">healing</a> in His wings"

- "wings" being defined as the hem of the garment, edge of the cloak
- As with the woman with the issue of blood

# 5. Benefit: Blessed Family and Legacy

**Psalm 128:1-4** How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.

WISDOM KEY: Your entire household will benefit from your commitment to a humility based upon the "fear" of the Lord.

Luke 1:50 His mercy extends to those who fear Him, <u>from generation</u> to generation.

**Proverbs 14:26** Whoever fears the Lord <u>has a secure fortress</u>, and for their <u>children it will be a refuge</u>.

- → Proverbs 14:26-28 (TPT) Confidence and strength flood the hearts of the lovers of God who live in awe of him, and their devotion provides their children with a place of shelter and security.
- ✓ A Godly example and foundation is necessary
- ✓ All will be lost that is not given with the Fear of the Lord
- ✓ The batten will fall if the Fear of God is not transferred from generation to generation



# 6. Benefit: Protection against sin and deception

**Exodus 20:20** And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that <u>His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."</u>

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"

**Proverbs 16:6** "In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity [lawlessness]; and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil."



Paul admonished the Christians in Corinth when he wrote:

**2 Corinthians 7:1** "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us <u>cleanse ourselves</u> from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"

**WISDOM KEY:** Struggling with sin, let's examine our attitude towards God first. Do we fear God enough to want to please Him, even when no one is looking?

Psalm 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever



## 7. Benefit: Provision, Favour & Contentment

**Psalm 147:11** The Lord <u>favours</u> those who fear Him, those who wait for His lovingkindness.

**Proverbs 15:16** Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and turmoil with it.

**Psalm 34:9** O fear the Lord, you His saints; for to those who fear Him there is <u>no want</u>.

**Psalm 145:19** He will <u>fulfil the desire</u> of those who fear Him...



Proverbs 22:4 The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life.

