

Psalms 111:10,
"The Fear Of The Lord
is
The Beginning Of Wisdom."

Luke 2:9-10, "And, lo, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were SORE AFRAID. And the angel said unto them, FEAR NOT: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Judges 13:22, "And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because WE HAVE SEEN GOD."

Matthew 28:2-5, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for THE ANGEL OF THE LORD descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for FEAR OF HIM the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye."

Luke 1:11-13, "And there appeared unto him AN ANGEL OF THE LORD standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, HE WAS TROUBLED, AND FEAR FELL UPON HIM. But the angel said unto him, FEAR NOT, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."

Genesis 28:10-18, "And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold THE ANGELS OF GOD ascending and descending on it. And, behold, THE LORD STOOD ABOVE IT, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, SURELY THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE; and I knew it not. And HE WAS AFRAID, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Exodus 34:6-8, "And THE LORD PASSED BY BEFORE HIM, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped."

Hebrews 12:21, "And SO TERRIBLE WAS THE SIGHT, that Moses said, I EXCEEDINGLY FEAR and quake)"

Isaiah 6:1-3, "In the year that king Uzziah died I SAW ALSO THE LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

Revelation 1:10-17, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks ONE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF MAN, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I FELL AT HIS FEET AS DEAD."

Psalms 7:11, "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day."

Romans 3:12-18, "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

I. Bible Examples Of Those Who Did Not Fear The Lord

1. Nadab and Abihu - Leviticus 10:1-7
2. Eli's sons - 1 Samuel 2:12, 22; 1 Samuel 4:11

II. Evidence Of A Lack Of Fear Of God

1. Disobedience: Uzza - 1 Chronicles 13:9-10
2. Dishonesty: Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5:1-11
3. Taking God Lightly: The Lord's Supper - 1 Corinthians 11:27-30
4. Overwhelming Sensuality: Safe Sex
5. Drug Crisis
6. Preoccupation with Violence: Movies, TV and Video Games
7. A Lack Of Respect For Human Life
8. In the Church - Malachi 1:6; Jeremiah 35:8-11

III. Characteristics Of The Fear Of The Lord

1. It produces a hatred for sin - Proverbs 8:13
2. It prevents sin - Proverbs 3:7
3. It is the beginning of wisdom - Proverbs 9:10
4. It will affect the fruit of our lips and the conduct of our life
2 Timothy 2:19, Philipians 2:12, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Hebrews 12:28

IV. How Do We Obtain The Fear Of The Lord?

Proverbs 2:1-5, "My son, IF thou wilt RECEIVE my words, and HIDE my commandments with thee; So that thou INCLINE thine ear unto wisdom, and APPLY thine heart to understanding; Yea, IF thou CRIEST after knowledge, and LIFTEST UP thy voice for understanding; If thou SEEKEST her as silver, and SEARCHEST for her as for hid treasures; THEN SHALT THOU UNDERSTAND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, AND FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD."

1. Confess you do not have it - James 1:5
2. Daily ask for it - John 16:23-24
3. By faith, receive it - Matthew 21:22
4. Memorize verses on "the fear of the Lord."