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# 10 Fear of the Lord

INFUSING THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST  
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,  
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE  
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

# *Fear Of The Lord*

## *Session Ten*

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These are the Chapter titles for the book “Fear of the Lord”, by John Bevere. The purpose of this class is to encourage you to read the book and attend the Video sessions with a group as soon as it is available. We have selected just a very small portion for this session. It is just a sampling from the material.



Wind From Heaven  
Changed Glory  
The Sermon of the Universe  
Order, Glory, Judgment: Part I  
Order, Glory, Judgment: Part II  
A New Sanctuary  
An Irreverent Offering  
Delayed Judgment  
The Coming Glory  
The Restoration of His glory  
The Ability to See

This class will take snips from a few of the valuable Biblical precepts that will bless you and protect you, as you employ them with your faith.

**The book opens with this introduction:**

“Holy Fear is the key to God’s sure foundation,

unlocking the treasures of salvation.”

~John Bevere~

*“By those who come near Me, I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.”*

Along with the love of God, the fear of the Lord composes the very foundation of life! We cannot truly love God until we fear Him, nor can we properly fear Him until we love Him.

## I. The Fear of The Lord is: (Chp. 1)

- 1) NOT grasped by the mind but etched in our hearts. It is revealed by the \_\_\_\_\_ as we read His Word.
- 2) One of the manifestations of the Spirit of God (Is. 11:1-2)
- 3) Imparted by God to the hearts of those who earnestly seek Him. (Jer. 29:11-14; 32:40)
- 4) NOT the same as the spirit of fear. Some people mistake the two. Read I John 4:16b-18 below:

*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

When we come to the Lord with an open and submitted heart then He can correct us. It is for our good. He corrects us so that we might be partakers of His holiness (Hebrews 12:7-11) You will almost immediately sense God’s overwhelming love, not His disappointment in you.

When you cry out from deep within your spirit for the knowledge of the fear of the Lord, you will sense that your

request deeply pleases the Father.

## II. Friendship with God (Chp.13)

*<sup>14</sup> The LORD confides in those who fear him; He makes his covenant known to them. ~ Psalm 25:14*

This simply stated means that if you fear the Lord you will Gain knowledge of God or that you will come to know God intimately.

Intimacy is a \_\_\_\_\_relationship. Many believers talk about God as though He were just a buddy, someone they hang out with. They casually tell how God has shown them this or that. They say how much they desire His presence and hunger for His anointing. But, often those young who are not stable in their relationship with God will feel uncomfortable and spiritually deficient around those who are “close friends” of God.

The Lord says we cannot even begin to know Him on intimate terms (or as a friend) until we fear Him. In other words, an intimate relationship with God will not even begin until the fear of the God is firmly planted in our hearts.

### I. God's Friend

Abraham was one who was called a friend of God. (2 Chronicles 20:7)

God promised 75 year old Abraham his heart's desire, a son. Before the birth of this son, Abraham made several mistakes—some that were quite serious. Yet through it all, Abraham believed God's promise.

**So, why was Abraham called a friend of God?**

- 1) Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ and God \_\_\_\_\_ and was fully persuaded that God would perform all that was promised.

*And the scripture was fulfilled that says,  
"Abraham believed God, and it was  
credited to him righteousness," and he  
was called God's friend.*

*James 2:23*

- 2) Abraham was tested in his love and obedience to God and overcame.

### ***The test:***

*1 Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

*Genesis 22:1-2*

### ***Abraham's Response to the Test:***

*9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know*

*that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.*

*Genesis 22:9-12*

### ***God's response to Abraham's obedience and Fear of the Lord:***

*The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

*Genesis 22:15-18*

The Fear of the Lord is to know God's \_\_\_\_\_ and to obey His Word unconditionally.

Moses quite often knew **why** God did the things He did. The Bible describes this insight as understanding. In fact, Moses often knew **what** God would do before He did it, for God would reveal it to Him in advance. The Bible calls this wisdom. The psalmist tells us:

To fear God is to obey Him, even when it does not seem to be to our advantage. When we fear Him, He calls us friend and reveals the **why**, or the intentions and desires of His heart. We come to know Him not by His acts but His ways.

## **II. Defiled by the World**

## Considered righteous but not called a friend:

Lot may have been considered righteous, but He was also worldly. He had no more insight of impending judgment than the residents of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Although he was righteous, Lot was caught unaware of what was about to occur. Lot represents fleshly, carnal Christians—those who lack the burning, holy fear of God. Their relationship with the Lord is not too different from that of star-struck fans and celebrities.

This is seen by where Lot chose to dwell (among the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah), the type of wife he chose, and the children he would later father through incest—the Moabites and Ammonites.

James directly confronts this type of believer in this way:

*You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

*James 4:4*

### III. The Blessing of Holy Fear (Ch. 14)

<sup>13</sup> *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.*

*Ecclesiastes 12:13*

The fear of God includes, but is not limited to, respecting and reverencing Him, for we are told to tremble at His presence. Holy fear gives God the place of glory, honor, reverence, thanksgiving, praise and preeminence He deserves. (Notice it IS what He deserves and not what we think He deserves)!

God holds this preeminent position in our hearts and lives as we esteem His desires over and above our own, hating what He hates and loving what He loves, trembling in His presence and at His Word.

*You will serve whom you fear.....*

King Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes, and he, after pursuing every pleasure and distraction of life, said that it was all vanity, AND the whole matter of life is summed up in fearing God and keeping His commandments!

Here are some, but not all of the Blessings of Fearing God:

### **The Fear of God:**

- 1) Positions our hearts to receive answers. (Hebrews 5:7)
- 2) Assures that God's great goodness abounds (Ps.31:19)
- 3) Promises angelic protection (Ps. 34:7)
- 4) Secures God's continual attention ((Ps. 33:18)
- 5) Supplies His provision ((Ps. 34:9)
- 6) Contains great mercy (Ps. 103:11)
- 7) Provides assurance of food (Ps. 111:5)
- 8) Promises protection (Ps 115:11)
- 9) Fulfills our desires and delivers us from harm (Ps.145:19)
- 10) Provides wisdom, understanding, and time management. (Proverbs 9:10-11)
- 11) Is our confidence and protection in the face of death. (Proverbs 14:26-27)
- 12) Provides peace of mind. (Proverbs 15:16)
- 13) Results in complete satisfaction. (Proverbs 19:23)



- 14) Leads to riches, honor, and life. (Proverbs 22:4)
- 15) Will keep us on the path (Jeremiah 32:40)
- 16) Produces a secure household (Exodus 1:21)
- 17) Provides clarity and direction. (Ps. 25:12)
- 18) Results In enjoyment of our labor and full, rewarding lives. (Ps. 128:1-4)
- 19) Produces successful leadership. (Exodus 18:21; 2 Samuel 23:3)

These are but a few of God’s promises for those who fear Him. There are many more. I encourage you to find them in your time of reading and studying God’s Word!

~John Bevere~

### **Questions:**

- 1) From this text, explain in your own words what the Fear of the Lord is.
- 2) Based on what you learned about Abraham, what qualifies you to be a friend of God?

### **Extra Study (home):**

- 1) Reflection: Based on what you have heard about Abraham and what you have heard about Lot, who do you see yourself more like?
- 2) Do you see the Fear of the Lord and the blessings that come from fearing the Lord as listed at the end of this session, in your life? MEDITATE on those scripture promises listed as blessings of having the Fear of the Lord.

### **THIS WEEK’S BIBLE READING: Hebrews**

*Use the Epistles Bible Study tool and a Daily Journal as you read..*

*Return your completed form for credit. You will get much more from the time if you prepare in advance by reading prayerfully through the assignment:*

