

Subject: A Man that Feels God

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-10

Several years ago the U. S. Marine Corps had as their slogan: "We're looking for a few good men." Good men are hard to find. The same is true of God-fearing men. What's wrong with this world and why is it so evil? What's wrong with the church and why is it so worldly? The answer is found in the Bible. Many people have little or no fear of God. They don't fear God because they don't know Him. They don't know God because they don't know what the Bible says about Him. People claim to know God but their attitudes and actions reveal a low and improper view of Him.

1. A God-fearing man is a blessed man

The Bible says that God is looking for men that fear Him and it says that God will bless those who fear Him.

2. A God-fearing man knows God

In Romans 3, Paul describes the ungodly world, "There is none righteous, no not one" and then he adds, "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:10, 18). The better we know God, the more we love Him, the more we trust Him, and the more we fear Him. A God-fearing man understands the attributes of God and this causes him to be humble, reverent, and obedient.

3. A God-fearing man delights greatly in God's Word

He loves Scripture. He wants to read it, study it, and obey it because God said it.

***Psalms 19:7-9**⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*

***Deuteronomy 6:24** And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.*

He believes what God says and takes it seriously.

***Genesis 22:12** And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.*

4. A God-fearing man hates sin and turns from it

***Psalms 97:10** Ye that love the LORD, hate evil.*

***Proverbs 8:13** The fear of the LORD is to hate evil.*

***Proverbs 16:6** By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.*

Job 1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

5. A God-fearing man gets wisdom and understanding

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

The Hebrew word for wisdom means “skill for living.”

6. A God-fearing man receives mercy and forgiveness

Psalms 33:18 *Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.*

Psalms 103:11 *For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.*

Psalms 103:13 *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

Psalms 103:17 *But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.*

Psalms 130:3-4³ *If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.*

7. A God-fearing man is drawn to other people who fear God

He wants to be with other people who are likeminded. A reverent person enjoys fellowship with reverent people. As the saying goes, birds of a feather flock together.

Psalms 119:63 *I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.*

Malachi 3:16 *Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*

The fear of God is the basis of true Christian fellowship and church life.

Acts 9:31 *Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*

8. A God-fearing man has a meek and submissive spirit toward others

Ephesians 5:21 *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

A God-fearing husband submits to his wife and children. A God-fearing citizen submits to government authorities. A God-fearing servant (employee) submits to his master (boss). A man who fears God is more concerned about his responsibilities than his rights.

9. A God-fearing man faithfully serves God

Philippians 2:12 *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

Hebrews 12:28 *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*

10. A God-fearing man has a powerful influence on his family

Psalms 128:1-4 ¹ *Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.* ² *For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.* ³ *Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.* ⁴ *Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.*

Proverbs 20:7 *The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.*

Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

11. A God-fearing man seeks refuge from God's judgment

Hebrews 10:31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Luke 12:4-5 ⁴ *And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.* ⁵ *But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

Luke 23:39-41 ³⁹ *And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.* ⁴⁰ *But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?* ⁴¹ *And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.*

John Newton wrote the beloved hymn *Amazing Grace*.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.”