HEAD SCRATCHERS Let's talk

What is the fear of the Lord?



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(Pro 19:23) The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.



What is fear?

Why do I fear?



You have fear in you, place it somewhere

- (Luk 12:4) "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.
- (Luk 12:5) But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

There are two types of fear:

- i) The fear of the Lord, (wisdom, safety, life)
- ii) Every other fear (sin, death, paralysing)



- 1. The fear of God saves our lives
- 2. What you fear most, you will worship
- 3. The fear of God, overpowers every other fear/"cowardice"
- 4. God is a comfort for those who fear Him



- (Psa 31:19) Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!
- (Psa 31:20) In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

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- (Pro 14:26) In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
- (Pro 14:27) The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.



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- (Jer 23:24) Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.
- (Psa 139:7) Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- (Psa 139:8) If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

- (Psa 34:7) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- (Luk 1:50) And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
- (Psa 145:18) The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.



2 types of presence

1) Omnipresence- "God is all around me"

2) Manifold presence- "God is with me"



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"The fear of God is the fear of straying away from God"- J Piper



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