

## Part II January 20, 2013

.KEY: God offers **intimate** and **lasting** friendship to those who revere him; and hold him in highest honor.”

**Exodus 20:20** “Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you **to keep you from sinning.**”

3. Fearing God does not mean being **terrified** of him.

I John 4: 18 “**Perfect love drives out fear.**”

KEY: To overcome fear we must think more about his **love**.

4. Fear of his **judgment** .

**Matthew 10:28** – Jesus speaking “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the ONE who can destroy Both Soul and body in hell.”

### III. HOW DO I OVERCOME MY FEARS?

1. **Fear** the Lord (**Proverbs 24:21**)
2. **Rely** on your knowledge of God (Proverbs 1:7)
3. **Hate** sin! (Proverbs 3: 7 – 8)
3. **Place** your life in God’s hands. (Proverbs 3:25)
5. **Enjoy** wealth, honor and a good life (Proverbs 14:27)

6. **Establish** strong moral convictions. (Proverbs 13:13)
7. **Commit** to a Godly lifestyle. (Proverbs 14:2)

A study conducted by the University of Michigan showed the following:

- 60** % of our fears are totally unwarranted: they never come to pass.
- 20** % of our fears are focused on our past, which is completely out of our control.
- 10** % of our fears are based on things so petty that they make no difference in our lives.

Of the remaining 10 %, only 4 – 5 % could be considered justifiable. – Dennis Wattley

**Conclusion:** Our fears decrease or increase indirect ratio and proportion to our **trust** in God!

## Proverbs 3: 5 – 6 “Trust in the LORD always...”

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## Facing Your Fears

Introduction:

I John 4:18 “There is no **fear** in Love. But **perfect love drives out fear**, because **fear** has to do with punishment. **The man who fears is not made perfect in love**”

**Fear** = A mental image of what you do not want to happen.  
= A sense of danger

**False Evidence Appearing Real** = Satan’s Tricks

There is a ...  
**negative** type of fear, and a  
**positive** type of fear.

### I. Types of Fear that we all Experience

Fear # 1

Fear of **evil & terror**

## Psalm 23: 1 – 4

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,
- <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### Fear # 2

#### Fear of an **enemy**.

Psalm 64:1 "Hear my voice, O God as I voice my complaint; Protect my life from fear of the enemy.

### Fear # 3

#### Fear of **a human being**.

Proverbs 29:25 "Fear of many will prove to be a snare; But whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."

**Key:** **Fear** of people can hamper everything you try to do.

### Fear # 4

#### Fear of the **future and death**

## Hebrews 2: 14 – 15

- <sup>14</sup> "Since, therefore, (these His) children share in flesh and blood – that is, in the physical nature of human beings – He (Himself) in a similar manner partook of the same (nature), that by (going through) death He might bring to naught and make of no effect him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;
- <sup>15</sup> And also that He might deliver and completely set free all those who through the (haunting) fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives."

**KEY:** When we belong to God, we need not **fear** death, because we know that death is **only the door way to Eternal life.**

**KEY:** Christ's death and resurrection set us free from the **fear** of death because death has been defeated!

## II. Reasons Why We Need To Fear God -

Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge but fools despise wisdom and discipline."

**KEY:** "**Fear of the Lord**" is not the terror of a tyrant.

**Fool** = A person that has a dogmatic (personal beliefs and arrogant opinions without any references).

## What does it mean to fear God?

### (Positive Fear)

#### Deuteronomy 10: 12 – 13

"And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but **to fear the LORD** your God, **to walk** in all his ways, **to love** him, **to serve** the LORD your God **with all your heart** and with all **your soul**, and **to observe** the **LORD'S commands and decrees** that I am giving you today for your own good?"

1. Fear of God is motivated by his awesome **power** and **justice**.

#### Psalm 25: 12

"**Where is the man who fears the LORD? God will teach him how to choose the best.**"

- 2 a. Knowing God increases **reverent** fear.

**KEY:** To fear the LORD is to recognize God for who He is:

1. **Holy**
2. **Almighty**
3. **Righteous**
4. **Pure**
5. **All-knowing**
6. **All-powerful**
7. **All-wise**

- 2 b. Fearing God leads to **knowing** him more fully.