



THE WAY OF THE WISE

LESSON 15

THE FEAR OF THE LORD: ADMIRATION OF GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33:6-11; Jeremiah 32:17; Psalm 147:4; Exodus 7-14; Psalm 89:6-8
(Jeremiah 10:6-7; Psalm 33:18)

KEY VERSE:

Jeremiah 10:6-7—No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.

KEY THEMES:

- † God is perfect in everything He does and everything He is
- † We should admire God because of what He is like; we should admire God because of His perfections
- † Admiring God leads us to trust Him

THIS WEEK:

Discuss with your child someone you admire. Explain why you admire that person. Then ask your child to tell about someone he admires and why he admires that person. Be sure to point out the qualities in that person which evoke admiration.

Compare these people you admire to God. Show how vastly superior God is than the people you admire.

Help your child make a list of the attributes of God. Put the list in a prominent place (e.g., on the refrigerator) and keep adding to it all week as other attributes come to mind. Each day discuss with your child two or three of the attributes. (Define the attribute, give examples from the Bible of how God displays that attribute, talk about how this attribute of God affects you, etc.) **NOTE:** Save this list to be used again after Lesson 17 is taught.

Identify with your child one area in which he struggles (e.g., worry, fear, laziness). Discuss God's adequacy to help His children with their areas of need (both His power to help as well as any attribute that would show that the feelings are logically inconsistent with the character of God—i.e. worry is logically inconsistent because God has promised to meet all our needs, He is our Provider, etc.). If your child is a child of God, help him to see that understanding the greatness of God and God's ability to help him is inadequate. One must truly embrace this truth in the heart. Encourage your child to fight the fight of faith by standing on the truth, and consciously turning this area over to God and asking for His help. Explain that it will take a lot of "practice" but that eventually, he will experience some victory. If your child is not a believer, help him to see that all his efforts are inadequate and only God is sufficient to help.

Help your child with his proverbs reading and memorizing.

Encourage your child to continue putting the proverbs into practice and filling out his charts until they are completed.