

REVIVE CHURCH

ANointing 7 FEAR OF THE LORD

To fully understand the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we must have an understanding of the fear of the Lord.

In order to understand what the fear of the Lord is, we must understand both His nearness and His divine qualities that make Him God.

- His nearness has to do with intimacy, how He relates to us, perfect fellowship and how He abides in us (John 15:4)
- **This other essential aspect of God is His divinity, He is Holy and glorious.** *He is all powerful, all knowing, all present and sovereign God. We can be guilty of overlooking this aspect of the Lord because it highlights our smallness, weakness and lack compared to His perfect beauty and greatness.*

The book ends of Isaiah 11 which we looked at a few weeks ago describes the diversity of the Spirit of God . It begins with the resting Spirit and concludes with the Spirit of the fear of the lord. These two are the beginning and the end. **Holy Spirit will rest upon the one who walks in the fear of the Lord!**

- The fear of the Lord kept the early church intact, kept them pursuing God and saying no to the pressures all around.
- The fear of God removed and replaced fear of man.
- **The New Testament pattern was, when the fear of God was released, there was an increase in salvations, signs, wonders and Holy Spirit's power.**
- The Spirit of the fear of the Lord will be fully restored to His church again.

Acts 5:11-12 (NKJV) 11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. 12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

Acts 9:31-³¹ Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. (Direct correlation between fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength is to also fear Him and Him alone.

Isaiah 11:2-5 (NKJV) 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight [is] in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

We want to look at what it means to delight in the fear of the Lord

As believers, the fear of the Lord is a function of the Holy Spirit who dwells within every believer. This is a grace given to us as sons and daughters, this is not a terror of His wrath. Instead, it is a delight that grows through both intimate fellowship and beholding Gods holiness. To fear the Lord rightly and biblically as someone who is saved by Jesus would mean we find our greatest pleasure/delight in the Lord. *It is our goal to please Him, to live sold out for Him. We live each day in the realization that we are truly accountable to One.*

- When we behold God's power and righteousness in light of the forgiveness of the cross and His willingness to extend mercy and grace we can marvel at His greatness with gratitude and awe. We come with a contrite heart, trembling at His Word while delighting in our position as His children, His body, His bride.

Psalm 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

Isaiah 66:2 (NKJV) For all those [things] My hand has made, And all those [things] exist," Says the LORD. "But on this [one] will I look: On [him who is] poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

If you have never trembled before Him, this is a delight that releases incredible strength into your weakness and releases faith in the impossible. Ask for the Spirit of the Lord to be ignited in you in this way.

The fear of the Lord is fundamental fuel for worship. You are setting your heart on the One who created all things and hold all things together by His power. We should be undone by His power, His beauty. It is a dependence on the sovereign God and a holy aspiration to please Him like a child longs to please a father. **Fearing the Lord is delighting in His will and wisdom, trusting His leadership regardless of the pressures around us.**

- It is in the place of worship where delight is known, understood, grown and even felt. David among other psalmist discovered this incredible beauty of God, this treasure that is mined out in the place of beholding Him, singing to Him, praying to Him .
- God is to be delighted in, I am fearfully and wonderfully made and find my sole purpose in worshipping Him. We have been invited into the Holy place of superior pleasure to be known by God and to know Him. As I delight in Him, I feel His pleasure and come to revelatory knowledge, He delights in me.
- Perhaps one of the greatest if not the greatest delight is the Holy Spirit convincing my heart of the Fathers pleasure in loving me .

There are many rewards of fearing God that we are to delight in

- Psalms 103:11 (NKJV) For as the heavens are high above the earth, [So] **great is His mercy** toward those who fear Him;
- Psalms 103:13 (NKJV) As a father pities [his] children, [So] the LORD pities those who **fear Him**. Pity-to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, have compassion
- **Psalms 34:7-9** (NKJV) 7 *The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.* 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD [is] good; Blessed [is] the man [who] trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! *[There is] no want to those who fear Him.*
- **Psalms 25:12-14** (NKJV) 12 Who [is] the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD [is] with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.
- **Psalms 147:11** (NKJV) The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

Delight has become one of my measuring tools. Did I delight in Jesus as I taught, served my family, preached etc. In other words did I turn my hearts full affections to the person of Jesus Christ and find that He truly meets the fullness of my needs and I don't need man's approval or other lesser forms of delight or pleasure to have my needs met.

Listen to the text again from **Isaiah 11:3** *His delight [is] in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;*

In order for us to live a life that fully finds our pleasure in the fear of the Lord we will live from the ascended place. He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes nor decide by the hearing of His ears. This beloved is revelatory look into the mind of Christ and is our inheritance through Jesus Christ. **Jesus never made decisions based upon what He saw in front of Him, He was never moved by the external voices and opinions all around Him.** He lives to please the Father and that is our invitation as we delight in the fear of the Lord more than..... anything.

- We have to be careful, many times the applause of man ruins us and manipulates us into a lesser pleasure that releases within a fear of man. Never judge by what you see or hear

without submitting your ideas to the Lord. He will use those things but they will manipulate you apart from knowing God.

Psalms 37:4 (NKJV) Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart

when we truly rejoice or “delight” in the eternal things of God, our desires will begin to parallel His and we will never go unfulfilled. *Matthew 6:33* says, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things [the necessities of life] will be given to you as well.” *If we place our joy and hope in God first, He will meet all of our needs. He will even grant our wants, as our hearts’ desires begin to match up with His will.*

Revelation 11:18 (NKJV) The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Two fold reward as you set your heart on fearing the Lord

1. Here and now
2. Eternal

Home group questions

1. How do you personally set your heart on the Lord to delight in Him each day.
2. What does it mean for you to walk in the Spirit of the fear of the Lord? How have you been transformed by the Holy Spirit in this way?
3. How do fear of God and delight go together?
4. How can delighting in Jesus become a metric for your life?
5. Discuss the promises in the Psalms for those who fear Him and Him alone.