

Series: The Fear of the Lord

Sermon: “The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life...” Proverbs 14:27

Primary Texts: Exodus 14:13-14; 2 Samuel 6:14; Psalm 2:11; Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; 10:9, 27; 14:26; 19:23; 28:14; Isaiah 11:3; 33:6; Jeremiah 10:6-7a; 40:31; Matthew 28:8; Acts 9:31; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 11:1; 12:28-29.

Discussion guide:

- What does it mean to be in awe?
- In the sermon we discussed secular studies that described mental and physical health benefits that come from experiencing the emotion of awe.
 - Why do you think such emotions are healthy for us?
- Describe a time or experience in which you felt “awe”.
- Read Hebrews 12:28-29.
 - What do you think it means that God is a consuming fire?
 - To whom is God as a fire a threat?
 - To whom is God as a fire life?
- Read Proverbs 14:27 and 10:27.
 - How is the fear of the Lord a “fountain of life”?
- How does the fear of the Lord produce hope?
 - How is this hope of a higher quality than others?
- How does the fear of the Lord produce strength?
- How does the fear of the Lord produce rest? Psalms 19:23
- How does the fear of the Lord produce joy? Psalms 2:11, Matthew 28:8
- How can you foster a healthier fear of the Lord?
- Why does battling sin help grow our fear of the Lord?