

HOW TO ESTABLISH A *DAILY* TRADITION OF GROWING IN THE FEAR OF GOD

1.

Give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name. (Psalm 86:11)

2.

Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me... (Deuteronomy 4:10)

3.

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law...It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. (Deuteronomy 17:18-19)

4.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5)

The fear of God flows from...a sound impression that the word of God makes on our soul; for without an impress of the Word, there is no fear of God. Hence it is said that God gave to Israel good laws, statutes and judgments that they might learn them, and in learning them, learn to fear the Lord their God...[To the extent] a man drinks good doctrine into his soul, [to that extent] he fears God. If he drinks in much, he fears Him greatly; if he drinks in but little, he fears Him but little; if he drinks in not at all, he fears Him not at all. -- John Bunyan

Thus says the Lord, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being, declares the Lord. But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word." (Isaiah 66:1-2)