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Study Book Section 3 – The Essentials of Intimacy – Reverence for God,  
Truthfulness with God and Love for God’s Word

**Introduction:**

Reverence – regard or treat with deep respect (verb)  
deep respect for someone or something, tinged with awe (noun)

Job 1:1 - There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, **one who feared God** and turned away from evil.

**The Fear of the Lord**

Fear – Pachad - as in “fear not” – sudden alarm, dread, terror, make to shake  
Example – Psalm 53:9 (NASB)

Fear - Yare’ – as in “the fear of the Lord - to revere, to be held in reverence, awe,  
cause to frighten

## **Scripture Describes the Fear of the Lord**

### **The Fear of the Lord is the key to Knowledge and wisdom**

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 15:33 - The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Psalms 111:10 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Wisdom is the practical living out of the Word – the proper application of knowledge. We must practice wisdom; it is not a once and done thing – it requires daily commitment.

### **The fear of the Lord leads to the knowledge of God**

Proverbs 2:5 - ...then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

### **The fear of the Lord means respecting the power of God's Word**

Psalms 33:8-9 - Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

### **The Fear of the Lord is to hate evil**

Proverbs 8:13 - The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

## **The fear of the Lord gives us hope for the future**

Proverbs 23:17-18 - Let not your heart envy sinners but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day. Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

## **Noah's Reverential Fear**

Hebrews 11:7 (Genesis 6-9)

By faith, Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

7a – He believed God's warning.

7b - Revering fear moved him to do as God instructed.

7c – Revering fear earned him benefits from God.

## **Renewing our Reverence for God**

### **Remember who your Father is:**

The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

Ephesians 3:12 -... in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

### **Remember the Price:**

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he **gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or

gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Mark 10:45 -For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to **give his life** as a ransom for many.

### **Remember where your home is:**

C.S. Lewis – “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were those who thought the most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one.”

Hebrews 11:13-16 – These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had the opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

John 14:1-2 - Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Note – Scripture references are from the ESV

November 2 – No meeting – Election Day

November 9 – Chapter 8 – Truthfulness with God