



Sermon Series: Facing Our Fears, Part 4

Sermon Title: Fear of God

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Psalm 18

This is a practical example of the verse we read in Romans 8:31

Big Idea: Fear God

We are going to deepen our understanding of the power of the **Fear of God** through 3 key reasons

Fear God because he is Holy, and We are Sinners

This means that God is pure and completely set apart from anything. There is no sin in God Period. In Isaiah 6 seated above God's throne are Seraphim – powerful beings who have six wings and they are singing. **Isaiah 6:3-5**

Isaiah realized how truly Holy God is and how truly sinful and filthy he was. And the same was true for Isaiah, the only reason he was able to live and breathe before the creator was because of what it says in **Isaiah 6: 6-7.**

To Understand why we must fear the Lord we must understand our position before the Lord when we are outside of the Lord. That same wrath that we read in Psalm 18 was not directed at David's enemy because David didn't like the way they spoke to him, it was directed at his enemy because David's enemy was in fact an enemy of God.

The fear of God may be the very agent which moves you from being a friend of the World to being a child of God. **James 4:4**

Fear God because He means what He says

The Ark of The Covenant held the presence of the Lord so that God might dwell with the Israelites. There came very specific instructions with this Ark – including how it was meant to be moved. **Numbers 4:5-15**

In **2 Samuel 6** we see they did not follow the instructions and Uzzah ended up dying.

When we worship God we must do so as he has instructed us to. **Romans 12:1**
In Acts 5:1-5 we read about Ananias and Sapphira who sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. When they were caught lying they fell down dead.

Great FEAR came upon everyone. This fear of God is not new, and God does not intend to remove it from us anytime soon in fact I would argue that his greatest desire is for it to be embedded within our hearts and that is because Fear is the Guide and Love is the motivator.

Fear God because Fear will Protect you and Love will motivate you

Romans 11:22

There is a undeniable relationship between the LOVE of God and The Fear of God. When we look at the way in which God utilizes the fear of himself in the lives of others it is always with the intentions of helping to guide, and protect them in their walk with him.

When you think of the fear of the God do not think of fear as the thrusters to your relationship with God, think of it as the bushes of thorns that protect you from living outside of a relationship with God. **Hosea 2:6**

The Fear of the Lord keeps us from doing things that are harmful to us, because it keeps us within the boundaries he has said are safe and fruitful. And to live according to his ways is to live according to Knowledge, and wisdom which we know is rooted in the fear of the Lord according to Proverbs 1:7. But what moves us to even want to live within these parameters is not fear itself, but the love that accompanies this fear.

Romans 5:8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Why is a biblical fear of the Lord essential in our lives?
- How would you explain to a 10 year old what it means to fear God?
- Give some examples of how God means what He says.
- Who are some biblical characters who displayed a healthy fear of the Lord?
- Who are some biblical characters who did not have a proper fear of the Lord?
- Who is someone that you know that has a biblical fear of the Lord? What characteristics do they display?
- Describe a time when your fear of the Lord kept you from doing something that would have been harmful to you

BIBLE VERSES

Psalm 18

1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

4 The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

5 the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

7 Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

9 He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

10 He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.

12 Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

Isaiah 6:3-5 “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory. Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips dwelling among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.”

Isaiah 6:6-7 one of the seraphim flew to me (Isaiah), and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And with it he touched my mouth and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for.”

James 4:4 “You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world *makes himself an enemy of God.*”

2 Samuel 6 “They place the Ark of God on a new cart and brought it from Abinadab’s house which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab’s sons, were guiding the cart as it left the house, carrying the Ark of God. Ahio walked in front of the Ark. David and all the people were celebrating before the Lord, singing songs...”But when they arrived at the threshing floor of Nacon the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand and steadied the Ark of God. Then The Lord’s anger was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him dead because of this. So Uzzah died right there beside the Ark of God.”

Romans 12:1 “I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.”

Acts 5: 1-5 “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” 5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And *great fear* came upon all who heard of it.

Romans 11:22 Paul writes: Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness.

Hosea 2:6 “For this reason I will fence her in with thornbushes. I will block her path with a wall to make her lose her way. When she run after lovers, she won’t be able to catch them. She will search but not find them.”

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