

## **The Fear of the Lord – To Turn Away From Evil pt. 3**

**The Fear of Lord** – A deep, reverent awe and loving respect for Gods supreme power and holiness

The prophet Isaiah prophesied that the messiah would be empowered not by seven individual spirits but by the one spirit, described seven ways

- 1) The Spirit of the LORD
- 2) The Spirit of wisdom
- 3) The Spirit of understanding
- 4) The Spirit of counsel
- 5) The Spirit of power
- 6) The Spirit of knowledge
- 7) The Spirit of the fear of the Lord

But his delight will be on the fear of the Lord (**Isaiah 11:1-3 nkjv**)

**You would turn away from evil if you had the fear of the Lord but not only would you turn away from evil you would hate it**

**(Proverbs 8:12-13 nlt)**

**“I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. <sup>13</sup>All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech.**

- Remember the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and wisdom is saying that the fear of the Lord is to hate evil
- But look what wisdom considers what is evil... wisdom says **“there I hate pride, arrogance, corruption and perverse speech”**

- You will avoid or depart from evil if you had the fear of the Lord

**(Proverbs 16:1-6 nkjv)**

The preparations<sup>[a]</sup> of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the Lord.<sup>2</sup> All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits.<sup>3</sup> Commit<sup>[b]</sup> your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established. <sup>4</sup>The Lord has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of <sup>[c]</sup>doom. <sup>5</sup> Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the Lord; *Though they join* <sup>[d]</sup>forces, none will go unpunished. <sup>6</sup> In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord *one* departs from evil.

- when you don't trust the Lord with all of your heart and you lean on your own understanding. If you're wise in your own eyes, you won't fear the Lord and depart from evil

**(Proverbs 3:3-8 nkjv)**

Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,<sup>4</sup> *And* so find favor and <sup>[a]</sup>high esteem In the sight of God and man.<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall <sup>[b]</sup>direct your paths.<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be health to your <sup>[c]</sup>flesh, And strength<sup>[d]</sup> to your bones.

- The reason God doesn't want us to be wise in our own eye is because earthly wisdom is demonic and our own eyes will make us think our way is right but at the end it leads to death

**(Proverbs 16:25 nkjv, nlt)**

**“There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.”**

**“There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”**

- Because of the fall in genesis, sin entered the world. And because of sin, Mankind was separated from God. That's why we needed a savior Jesus Christ to Reconcile us back to God
- So because of our sinful nature, all have sinned and falling short of the glory of God. No one is righteous, no not one and the fear of God is not before our eyes

**(Romans 3:9-18 nkjv)**

**<sup>9</sup>What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup>They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” <sup>13</sup>“Their throat *is* an open <sup>[d]</sup>tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps *is* under their lips”; <sup>14</sup>“Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup>“Their feet *are* swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup>Destruction and misery *are* in their ways; <sup>17</sup>And the way of peace they have not known.” <sup>18</sup>“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”**

Today is father's day, so I want to share about a father who feared God and stayed away from evil

**(Job 1:1-5 nlt)**

**1 There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. <sup>2</sup> He had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup> He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area.**

**<sup>4</sup> Job's sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. <sup>5</sup> When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, "Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular practice.**

- Job was a blameless man who feared God and stayed awhile from evil. And because of that, God referred Job to the satan to test him to see if he can get him to curse God

**(Job 1:6-22 nlt)**

**<sup>6</sup>One day the members of the heavenly court<sup>[a]</sup> came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan,<sup>[b]</sup> came with them. <sup>7</sup>“Where have you come from?” the Lord asked Satan.**

**Satan answered the Lord, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.”**

**<sup>8</sup>Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”**

**<sup>9</sup>Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. <sup>10</sup>You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! <sup>11</sup>But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”**

**<sup>12</sup>“All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.**

**<sup>13</sup>One day when Job’s sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother’s house, <sup>14</sup>a messenger arrived at Job’s home with this news: “Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup>when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”**

**<sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”**

**<sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: “Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen<sup>[a]</sup> your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”**

**<sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother’s**

home. <sup>19</sup> Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

<sup>20</sup> Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.<sup>21</sup> He said,

“I came naked from my mother’s womb,  
and I will be naked when I leave.

The Lord gave me what I had,  
and the Lord has taken it away.

Praise the name of the Lord!”

<sup>22</sup> In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

- In one day, Job lost everything he had. Instead of blaming God he worships God because he feared God and stay away from evil
- Then one day God refers Job to satan again because he knew job feared God and stayed away from evil

**(Job 2:1-10 nlt)**

**2** One day the members of the heavenly court<sup>[a]</sup> came again to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan,<sup>[b]</sup> came with them. <sup>2</sup> “Where have you come from?” the Lord asked Satan.

Satan answered the Lord, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.”

<sup>3</sup> Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity.

**He fears God and stays away from evil. And he has maintained his integrity, even though you urged me to harm him without cause.”**

**<sup>4</sup>Satan replied to the Lord, “Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. <sup>5</sup> But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!”**

**<sup>6</sup>“All right, do with him as you please,” the Lord said to Satan. “But spare his life.” <sup>7</sup> So Satan left the Lord’s presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.**

**<sup>8</sup> Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. <sup>9</sup> His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”**

**<sup>10</sup> But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.**

- Satan struck Job with boils from head to toe and even his wife told him to curse God and die but Job never sinned or blamed God because he feared God and stay away from evil
- His friends even came and lecturing him and condemn him thinking that he sinned because of all these misfortune was happen to him
- And every time he replied to their speech he never sinned but plead his innocence’s

- Remember the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and understanding, look what job who is being tested and in his suffering says about wisdom

**(Job 28:23-28 nlt)**

**“God alone understands the way to wisdom; he knows where it can be found,<sup>24</sup> for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens.<sup>25</sup> He decided how hard the winds should blow and how much rain should fall.<sup>26</sup> He made the laws for the rain and laid out a path for the lightning.<sup>27</sup> Then he saw wisdom and evaluated it. He set it in place and examined it thoroughly.<sup>28</sup> And this is what he says to all humanity: ‘The fear of the Lord is true wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding.’”**

- Job kept pleading his innocence’s and was a pleading God for answers and when God responding to him and checked Job. Telling him “who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance”
- When Job replied to the Lord he humbled himself and repented and because he did that and didn’t sin while he was being tested because he feared God and stayed away from evil God blessed him double. That his latter years was better than the beginning

**(Job 42:1-17 nlt)**

**Then Job replied to the Lord:**

**<sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do anything,  
and no one can stop you.**

**<sup>3</sup>You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’  
It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about,  
things far too wonderful for me.**

**<sup>4</sup>You said, ‘Listen and I will speak!  
I have some questions for you,  
and you must answer them.’**

**<sup>5</sup>I had only heard about you before,  
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.**

**<sup>6</sup>I take back everything I said,  
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”**

**<sup>7</sup>After the Lord had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup>So take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf. I will not treat you as you deserve, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.” <sup>9</sup>So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite did as the Lord commanded them, and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.**

**<sup>10</sup>When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before! <sup>11</sup>Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. And they consoled him and comforted him because of all the trials the Lord had brought against him. And each of them brought him a gift of money<sup>[a]</sup> and a gold ring.**

**<sup>12</sup>So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named his first daughter Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land no women were as lovely as the daughters of Job. And their father put them into his will along with their brothers.**

**<sup>16</sup>Job lived 140 years after that, living to see four generations of his children and grandchildren. <sup>17</sup>Then he died, an old man who had lived a long, full life.**