

The Fear of The Lord – To Turn Away From Evil pt. 1

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. ¹³All 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”**

There are 4 things that wisdom considers evil

1. Pride – an excessive focus on self, an attitude of self-sufficiency, and the elevation of one's own desires above God's will

- Pride is independence from God
- Pride says that you must conform to and serve me. While Humility says that you must convert and serve Jesus
- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble

(James 4:6 nlt)

⁶And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."^[c]

- If God is opposing you, then your bringing destruction upon your life all because of pride

(Proverbs 16:18 nlt)

Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

- **Pride is evil because it's not from the father it's from the world**

(1 John 2:15-17 nlt)

¹⁵Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

- The fear of the Lord is to hate evil so you should hate pride... but if you don't fear the Lord then pride could come in. and one way it sneaks in is by not seeking God or even have him in none of your thoughts

(Psalms 10:3-4 nkjv)

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, ¹He blesses the greedy *and* renounces the Lord. ⁴The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; ^[c]God *is* in none of his thoughts

2. Arrogance - to have an exaggerated sense of your own importance, abilities, or opinions, often accompanied by a condescending attitude toward others

- Wisdom considers arrogance as evil and to fear the Lord is to hate evil.
- We should hate arrogance and turn away from it. We shouldn't think of ourself more better than what we really are

(Romans 12:3 nlt)

³Because of the privilege and authority^[c] God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

- we should be humble and thinking of others as better than ourselves

(Philippians 2:3-4 nlt)

³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

- Arrogance is self-seeking and where there is self-seeking confusion and every evil thing are there

(James 3:13-15 nkjv)

¹³Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and ^[h]self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

- Tomorrow is never promise so even in our planning we should be arrogant about it like it's a guarantee

(James 4:13-17 nkjv)

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow ^[h]we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

- Jesus himself gave a parable about someone who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised other

(Luke 18:9-14 nlt)

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer^[b]: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ ¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

3. Corruption – is the state of moral contamination and spiritual decay

- Those who fear the Lord will be aware of corruption and will hate it. What is corrupting your morals and bringing spiritual decay in your life?
- The company you keep around you will corrupt you

(1 Corinthians 15:33-34 nkjv)

³³ Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.” ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

- You will always reap corruption if you sow in the flesh

(Galatians 6:7-10 nkjv)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- To the pure all things are pure but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure

(Titus 1:15-16 nlt)

¹⁵ Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶ Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

- A dishonest gain or bribery will corrupt your heart

(Ecclesiastes 7:7 nlt)

Extortion turns wise people into fools, and bribes corrupt the heart.

- Bribes will blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the Godly

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20 nlt)

¹⁸ “Appoint judges and officials for yourselves from each of your tribes in all the towns the Lord your God is giving you. They must judge the people fairly. ¹⁹ You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly. ²⁰ Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

4. Perverse Speech - language that is corrupt, deceitful, or morally twisted. speaking in a way that is very ungodly.

Its also refers to - language that twists the truth, promotes deception, or deviates from God's standard of righteousness and love

(Ephesians 4:29-32 nkjv)

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary ^[h]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, ^[i]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

- Because we are a new creation in Christ, we should put away filthy language out of our mouths

(Colossians 3:8-10 nkjv)

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

- Every idle word we speak, we will give an account of it on judgment day.
Our words will justify us or condemn us

(Matthew 12:33-37 nkjv) “Jesus”

³³ “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. ³⁴ Brood^[f] of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure ^[g]of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

- If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil

(1 Peter 3:8-12 nlt)

⁸ Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters.^[a] Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ⁹ Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. ¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. ¹² The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil.”^[b]