**PSALM 55:19** GOD SHALL HEAR, AND AFFLICT THEM, EVEN HE THAT ABIDETH OF OLD. SELAH. BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO CHANGES, THEREFORE THEY FEAR NOT GOD.

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"THE LIFE THAT DOES NOT CHANGE FOR GOD DOES NOT FEAR GOD."-----

What are some examples of outward changes that show a heart and mind that God has genuinely changed? Does God listen to those who do not listen to Him? How has God changed you?

## THE FEAR OF THE LORD TRANSFORMS REVEREND RYAN FRENCH

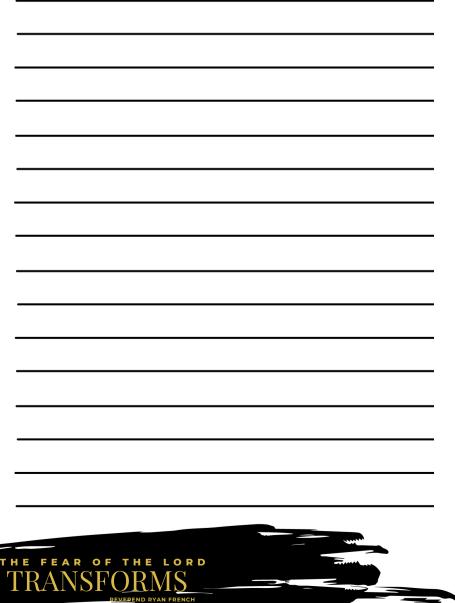
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The "fear of the Lord" can also include a genuine sense of fear or apprehension, particularly in the acknowledgment of God's holiness and justice. This aspect of fear recognizes that God is a righteous judge and that there are consequences for sin. However, this fear is not meant to be paralyzing or harmful; instead, it serves to draw individuals closer to God and lead them to repentance and a desire for a right relationship with Him.

## FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY, BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO KILL THE SOUL: BUT RATHER FEAR HIM WHICH IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL (MATTHEW 10:28).



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Do you recognize God's power and authority? Does it ever fill you with a sense of fear that you will stand before Him on a Day of Judgement? Does that fear push you towards or away from Him?



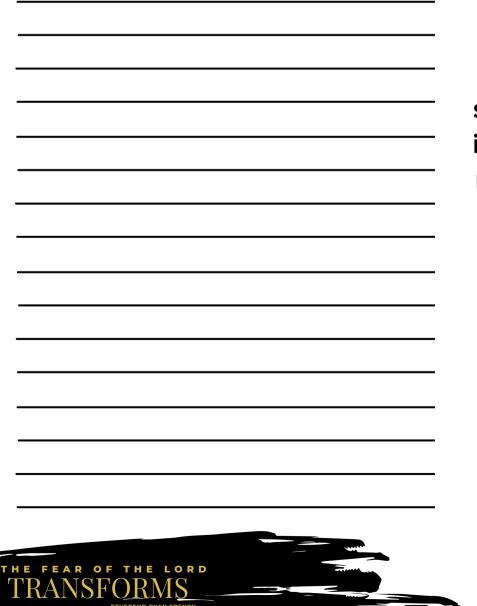
The "fear of the Lord" in the Bible can be defined as a profound respect, reverence, and awe for God. It reflects an awareness of God's majesty, holiness, and power, which motivates us to live in a way that honors Him.

THE "FEAR OF THE LORD" IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM (PSALM 11:10) AND KNOWLEDGE (PROVERBS 1:7). ONLY FOOLS DESPISE INSTRUCTION AND CORRECTION (PROVERBS 1:7). HUMANITIES PRIMARY DUTY IN LIFE IS TO FEAR GOD AND OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS (ECCLESIASTES 12:13). THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS ZION'S TREASURE (ISAIAH 33:6). THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS HATRED OF EVIL AND LEADS TO LIFE (PROVERBS 8:13, 19:23). THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE LORD IS FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND HE MAKES KNOWN TO THEM HIS COVENANT (PSALM 25:14).

What does the word "reverence" conjure in your mind? How should we express reverence to the Lord? Why would fearing the Lord be a great treasure? When is hate a good thing?



## JEREMIAH 32:39-40 AND I WILL GIVE THEM ONE HEART, AND ONE WAY, THAT THEY MAY <u>FEAR ME FOR EVER</u>, FOR THE GOOD OF THEM, AND OF THEIR CHILDREN AFTER THEM: AND I WILL MAKE AN EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH THEM, THAT I WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM THEM, TO DO THEM GOOD; BUT <u>I</u> <u>WILL PUT MY FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS</u>, THAT THEY SHALL NOT DEPART FROM ME.





Can you define sanctification? What is the purpose of the new heart God gives us at salvation? Should we pray for God to put fear for Him in our hearts? How does a lack of fear equal a lack of respect?



## EZEKIEL 36:26-27, NLT AND I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART, AND I WILL PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU. I WILL TAKE OUT YOUR STONY, STUBBORN HEART AND GIVE YOU A TENDER, RESPONSIVE HEART. AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU <u>SO THAT YOU</u> <u>WILL FOLLOW MY DECREES</u> AND BE CAREFUL TO OBEY MY REGULATIONS.

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What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives? How does the Spirit help you serve God daily? Do you ever feel convicted over wrongdoing? Are you comfortable letting the Spirit lead and guide you?



**ROMANS 12:1-3, NLT** AND SO, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I PLEAD WITH YOU TO GIVE YOUR BODIES TO GOD BECAUSE OF ALL HE HAS DONE FOR YOU. LET THEM BE A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE—THE KIND HE WILL FIND ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS TRULY THE WAY TO WORSHIP HIM. DON'T COPY THE BEHAVIOR AND CUSTOMS OF THIS WORLD, BUT LET GOD TRANSFORM YOU INTO A NEW PERSON BY CHANGING THE WAY YOU THINK. THEN YOU WILL LEARN TO KNOW GOD'S WILL FOR YOU, WHICH IS GOOD AND PLEASING AND PERFECT. BECAUSE OF THE PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORITY 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,





Are you aware of the battle for control of your mind that rages daily? What are some things God uses to transform our thinking? How can we involve ourselves in the process of transformation?