



“DON’T WORRY – FEAR GOD – BE HAPPY”
Ecclesiastes 8:10-17

THE FEAR OF THE LORD - Psa 111:10, 19:9, 2:11; Prov 23:17, 22:4

HOW DO WE FEAR GOD?

1. REMEMBER YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD - 10-13

But there are really four issues involved in that.

- There is the **PROBLEM** of how the wicked are treated in life – 10
- There is the **PRESUMPTION** that you can sin without being judged - 11

People say this continually. In light of this, several presumptions are often made:

- God is indifferent
- God is helpless to do anything
- God shows favoritism; He judges some but not others

- There is the **POSITION** of the believer - 12

Mark 10:24-30; Rom.8:28-29

- There is the **PUNISHMENT** of the wicked - 13

Psalm 102:11 - *“My days are like a shadow that lengthens, and I wither away like grass.”*

Psalm 109:23 - *“I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.”*

Psalm 1:4-6 - *“⁴The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

2. **REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TODAY** - 14-15

- By **EVALUATING** carefully what happens to both the righteous and the wicked – 14

- By **ENJOYING** the common experiences of each day – 15

- By **EXALTING** God who makes it all possible - 15b

1 Chronicles 29:12-14; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 11:36

3. **RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KNOW THE WORK OF GOD** - 16-17

- It is impossible no matter how much **TIME** we have - 16

- It is impossible no matter how much **EFFORT** we put into it - 17a

- It is impossible no matter how much **WISDOM** we have - 17

God is in control. Rest in the Lord.

(Ps. 37:3-7; Prov. 3:5-6; Phil. 4:6-7; Jas. 4:13-17).

We need to rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.