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# THE FEAR OF GOD

A PATHWAY TO HIS FAVOR & BLESSINGS

# 1 John 4:18

There is no no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

# Exodus 20:20

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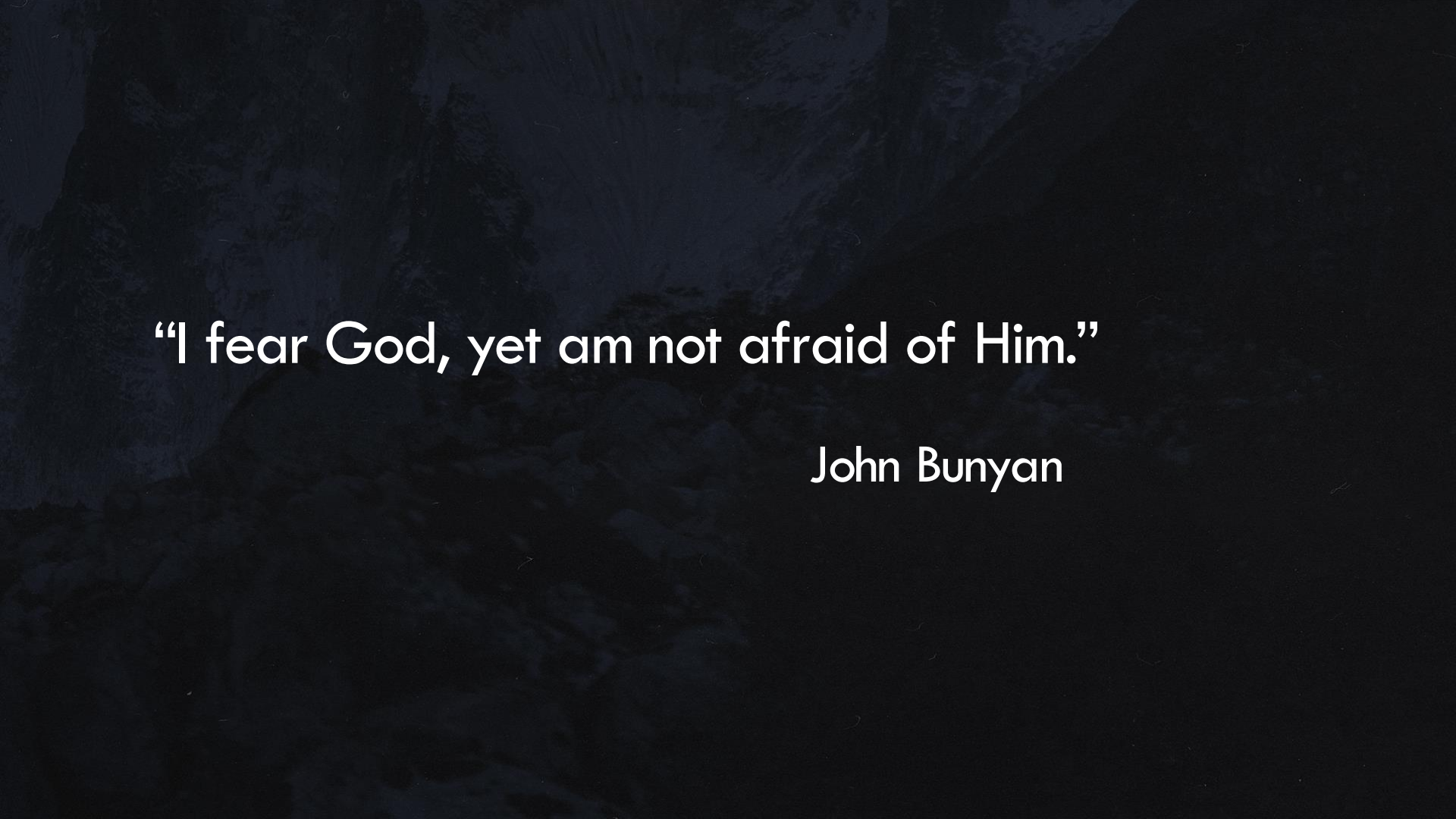
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Afraid of God

vs.

Fearing God



“I fear God, yet am not afraid of Him.”

John Bunyan

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Afraid of God – leads to distrust of Him & disobedience to Him

Fearing God – keeps us from sinning

# Fear of God

- More than 150 times in the Bible.
- 1 Pet. 2:17 – Show proper respect to everyone: Love the family of believers, fear God, ....

# Awe

- Dread, veneration, & wonder all mixed together.

# John Murray

One of the key characteristics of ungodliness is to not be afraid of God when there is reason to be afraid. The Bible teaches us the necessity of this fear of God under all the circumstances in which our sinful choices make us liable to God's righteous judgment.

# Leviticus 10:2

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Profane- showing disrespect for sacred things.

Irreverent

# Leviticus 10:3

And Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord spoke saying,  
‘By those who come near to Me, I must be regarded as holy.’”

# Hebrews 12:14

Without holiness no one will see the Lord.

# Romans 3:18

There is no fear of God before their eyes.

# A.W. Tozer

When men no longer fear God, they transgress His laws without hesitation. There is no fear of consequences.

# Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe

**Lucy:** Is he quite safe? I feel rather nervous about meeting a lion.

**Mrs. Beaver:** That you will, dearie, and that's not a mistake. If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're just plain foolish.

# Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe

Lucy: Then he isn't safe?

Mr. Beaver: Safe? Didn't you hear what Mrs. Beaver told you? Who said anything about safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the king, I tell you.

# God isn't that way.

- 1 Pet. 4:17 – Judgment must begin at the house of God.
- Heb. 12:29 – Our God is a consuming fire.

# God isn't that way.

- Heb. 12:28 – That we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

# Sinclair Ferguson

- Servile Fear: the kind of fear which a slave would feel towards a cruel & never-satisfied master.
- Filial Fear: the loving fear of a child toward his father.
- That indefinable mixture of reverence, fear, joy, & awe which fills our hearts when we realize who God is & what He has done for us.

# John Murray

The fear of God in which godliness consists is the fear which powerfully produces adoration and love. It is the fear which consists in awe, reverence, honor, and worship, and all of these on the highest level of exercise. It is the reflex in our consciousness of the transcendent majesty and holiness of God.

# Key Characteristic Of The Early Church

- Acts 9:31 — So the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed peace, as it was being built up; and as it continued in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it kept increasing.

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- Acts 2:43 – Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

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- Acts 5 – the story of Ananias & Sapphira

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- Acts 5:11 – So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

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- Acts 5:13-14 – None of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

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