

An Incomplete Index of the Fear of God in the Bible

1A Introduction:

1B This index is incomplete because it does not contain every biblical reference to the fear of God.

2B However, it is useful as a comprehensive review of the biblical concept. It categorically indexes the concept of the fear of God so that the idea receives full coverage.

2A Passages that teach the nature of the fear of God.

1B Transformed fear of God. 1 Samuel 12:18-24 (distinguishes between godly fear and sinful fear); 2 Kings 17:29-41(distinguishes between fear of idols and fear of God); Psalm 19:9 (described as pure); Psalm 22:23; Psalm 33:8-9 (compared to awe); Proverbs 8:13 (synonymous with the hatred of evil); Isaiah 11:1-5 (a part of the character of the Messiah); Jeremiah 10:2-16 (as compared to dead idols); 1 John 4:17-19 (synonymous with love for God); Revelation 14:6-7 (fearing and worshipping are synonyms).

2B Common fear of God. Psalm 90:1-13 (anticipating divine discipline); Isaiah 59:15-19 (divine justice in discipline); Matthew 10:28 (because God can destroy the soul in hell); Luke 23:39-42 (fear of God when under punishment unto death); 1 Corinthians 5:10-11 (in anticipation of the judgment seat of Christ); Hebrews 4:1 (fear of coming in to the sabbath rest of God).

3A Passages that teach how to obtain the fear of God. Deuteronomy 14:23 (by doing the rituals of Israel); Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (by reading the Law of Moses); Deuteronomy 31:10-13 (by reading the Law of Moses); Joshua 4:1-9, 20-24 (by observing the twelve stones of Gilgal); 1 Samuel 12:24 (by observing what great things God has done for you); Psalm 34:1-11(by teaching and experiencing); Psalm 40:1-3 (through testimony); Psalm 67:7 (because God blessed His people); Proverbs 15:33 (by instruction and humility); Ecclesiastes 3:12-14 (by observing God's works); Jeremiah 5:22-24 (by observing creation); Jeremiah 32:36-42 (by observing the restoration of Israel); Jeremiah 33:4-9 (by observing the good that God does); Matthew 28:5-8 (by observing the resurrection); Acts 19:13-18 (by the witness of supernatural events).

4A Passages that teach the results of the fear of God. Genesis 22:10-12 (Abraham's obedience); Exodus 18:19-22 (ability to judge); Exodus 20:18-20 (might not sin); Deuteronomy 5:29 (it will be well with you forever); Deuteronomy 6:1-2 (days are prolonged); Psalm 25:14 (given further revelation of God); Psalm 31:18-20 (receives the goodness and protection of God); Psalm 34:1-11(receives protection, rescue from enemies, and has no want); Psalm 60:4-5 (given a banner and rescued); Psalm 102:8-18 (recipients of divine compassion toward sin); Psalm 111 (beginning of wisdom, provision of food); Psalm 115:11 (blessing to both small and great); Psalm 119:63 (great friends); Psalm 145:18-19 (fulfills desires and rescues); Proverbs 3:7(enables a turning away from evil); Proverbs 10:27 (prolongs life); Proverbs 14:26-27 (strong confidence and a fountain of life); Proverbs 15:16 (makes poverty great); Proverbs 16:6 (keeps one away from evil); Proverbs 19:23 (a good night's sleep); Proverbs 22:4 (riches, honor, and life); Proverbs 23:17 (removes envy of sinners); Proverbs 24:21 (foundation for good citizenship); Ecclesiastes 8:12-13 (it will be well for this one, gets his eyes off of sinners); Isaiah 33:5-6 (stability of his times, and a treasure); Acts 9:31 (church growth); 2 Corinthians 7:1 (reason to perfect holiness); Ephesians 5:18-21 (reason to obey legitimate authority); Revelation 11:18 (basis for eternal reward).