

FEAR OF THE LORD

Meaning

Key Verse

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil”. (Proverbs 8:13)

Discovery Questions

1. What is the Fear of the LORD?
2. Why should anybody hate evil?
3. How can a sinful man hate evil that is in him as well as in society around?
4. How a sinful man can be transformed into a holy man?

Set-1 Meaning of the Fear of the LORD

Supportive verses and Discovery Questions

Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 14:2; 16:6; 12:1; 15:5; 6:23; 14:27; 8:13; 6:16-19;
1 John 2:4; 2 Samuel 23:3; 1 Kings 15:5; Psalm 139:21-22; 26:5;
31:6; 119:113;; Romans 12:17-21

1. What is the fear of God?
2. How do you find the meaning given in the above mentioned Scripture verses?
3. What are the six things that God hates? Why?
4. What were David's reactions to the evil doers? Why?
5. What are the ways to practice the fear of the LORD for a child of God?
6. As people who fear God should hate sinners or sin or both? Why?
7. What is your understanding? How should a child of God react to his enemies/sinners?

Set-2 False fear of God

Supportive verses and Discovery Questions

Genesis 3:10; 18:15; Kings 17:24-41) Psalm 10:3-4; Isaiah 29:13-14; Mark 11:18; Revelation 6:15-172 James 2:19 Matthew 8:29; Hebrews 2:16.

1. What about Adam? Do you think he has a true fear of the LORD?
2. Do you think Sara had a godly fear?
3. Why did God send lions to the camps of Israel?
4. What was the response of the local people and the King?
5. What kind of the fear of the LORD were the Israelites practicing actually?
6. Do the Chief priests and the teachers of the law really fear God? If they fear what sort of the fear is it? What exactly are they trying to do?
7. What about the Demons are they really tremble/shudder before God? If so do they hate evil or do the will of God? Why?

Set-3 True Fear Hates evil and trembles

Exodus 20: 18-20; Job 36:26-37 Daniel 5:19; Matthew 10:28

1. Why did Israelites feared and trembled when they saw the thunder lightening and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke?
2. Elihu said: “my heart trembles, and leaps from its place” why?
3. Daniel writes of King Nebuchadnezzar “all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him...” why?
4. King Darius, after seeing God's awesome mercy towards made this decree: “*I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.*” why?
5. “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” What does it actually mean?
6. Having both soul and body destroyed in hell, which means eternal torment (e.g. Revelation 14:11; 20:10), is eternally more terrifying and frightful. What do you think about this?

Set-4 Personal Application

1. Do you fear God? Why or why not?
2. Is it your practice to depart from evil because of your fear of God's wrath?
3. Do you encourage others to fear God and to depart from evil practices? Or do you encourage others to not fear God and to not be overly concerned whether they depart they depart from evil practices?

Application Journal

Apply to your personal life through your obedience to what God has spoken to you while you finish this lesson for God intended transformation to take place in you.

Use the space below to record your SHARPening activity

Simple -a short activity that can easily be completed this week

Hands-on -an action that goes beyond personal reading and reflection

Additional - a new undertaking, one you are not already doing

Realistic - a commitment that fits into your other priorities

Purposeful -A response of loving obedience to God that reflects His concerns for people and that points them toward His goodness
