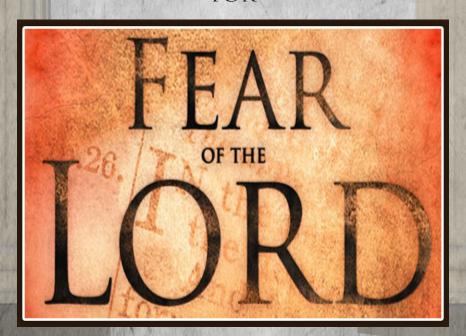
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SERMON NOTES
FOR



### FEAR OF THE LORD

The Fear of the Lord is NOT something dreadful... but the fear of something wonderful.

### UNDERSTANDING "THE FEAR OF THE LORD"

- 1. Do you want knowledge?
- 2. Do you want wisdom?
- 3. Do you want to Lengthen your Life?
- 4. Do you want God's Protection and Blessing?
- 5. Do you want to know the love of God?

#### ... Then Fear the Lord

<sup>31</sup> Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

- Acts 9:31 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. <sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

- Psalms 34:7-9 (NKJV)

## FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF THE BIBLE WE ARE TOLD TO FEAR THE LORD.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> especially concerning the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

- Deuteronomy 4:10 (NKJV)

## YOU CAN NEVER REALLY SING ABOUT GOD'S GRACE UNTIL YOU HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

<sup>7</sup> The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers. <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the Lord [our God] is good! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts and takes refuge in Him. <sup>9</sup> O fear the Lord, you His saints [revere and worship Him]! For there is no want to those who truly revere and worship Him with godly fear.

- Psalms 34:7-9 (AMPC)

## WHAT IS THE "FEAR OF THE LORD"? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- 1. To be in utter awe of God.
- 2. To have reverence for God.
- 3. Fear of disappointing God.

Once a person moves from the "Fright" of God to the "Fear" of God, they can begin to understand the "Love" of God and have humbled gratitude towards him.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

- Romans 8:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidenceon the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

- 1 John 4:16-18 (NIV)

the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

- Psalms 147:11 (NIV)

### HOW DO WE LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD?

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- Acts 9:31 (NKJV)

### Things to Remember:

- 1. The fear of the Lord comes from God. (Jeremiah 32:40)
- 2. You learn to fear the Lord by reflecting on the character of God.
- 3. You learn to fear the Lord as you Praise and Worship Him.

- <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,
- Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)
- <sup>29</sup> Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!
- Deuteronomy 5:29 (NIV)

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

- Psalms 33:8 (NIV)

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

- 2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV)

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