

## Scripture Resources Pertaining to the Fear of God

*Note: This packet is intended to be a resource for places where the bible talks about the fear of God. While it is not exhaustive it does include most verses which pertain to the fear of God. I have tried to include all verses that I found and with that have not intended to make any claims about context, thus it is left up to you (just as with any scripture) to investigate the context behind each scripture. All scripture is taken from the English Standard Version (what my church generally uses) translation except for the bottom section which is from the NASB (what Maplewood generally uses and what I preach out of). Both translations are word for word and read very similarly.*

Exodus 18:21 - Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

Deut 5:29 - Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Deut 6:2 - that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

Ps 111:10 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Ps 19:9 - the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Deut 4:10 – how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’

Deut 17:19 – And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,

Deut 31:12-13 – Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

Josh 4:24 – so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

1 Sam 12:14 – If you will fear the Lord and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well.

1 Sam 12:24 – Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

2 Sam 23:3 – The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God,

1 Kings 8:40 – that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.

1 Kings 8:43 – hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

Neh 5:9 – So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?”

Job 4:6 – Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

Job 28:28 – And he said to man, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.”

Ps 25:14 – The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Ps 31:19 – Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Ps 34:7 – The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Ps 33:18 – Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Ps 60:4 – You have set up a banner for those who fear you, that they may flee to it from the bow.

Ps 61:5 – For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Ps 64:9 - Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he has done.

Ps 66:16 - Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Ps 85:9 – Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Ps 86:11 – Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Ps 90:11 – Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
Ps 103:11-17

Ps 111:5 – He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Ps 111:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Ps 115:13 – he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.

Ps 118:4 – Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Ps 145:19 – He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Ps 147:11 – He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Prov 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 10:27 - The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

Prov 14:6 – A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding.

Prov 15:6 – In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked.

Prov 16:6 - By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.

Prov 19:23 – The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

Prov 22:4 – The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

Ecc 8:12 – Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.

Is 11:2 – 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Jer 32:39-40 – 39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

Mic 6:9 – The voice of the Lord cries to the city—and it is sound wisdom to fear your name: “Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

Mal 3:16 – Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.

Mal 4:2 – But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Matt 28:8 - So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Lk 1:50 - And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Acts 9:31 – So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

2 Cor 7:15 – And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling.

Rev 11:18 - The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

Ps 9:20 – Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men!

Ps 34:11 – Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Ps 40:3 – He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Ps 67:7 – God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Ps 102:15 – Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,  
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;  
3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,  
4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.  
Prov 2:1-5

Eccl 3:14 – I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Is 59:19 – 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

19 So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives.

Jer 33:9 – And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

Acts 19:17 - And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

Heb 12:21 - Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

Deut 28:58 – 58 "If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God, 59 then the Lord will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting.

2 Chronicles 6:29-31 - 29 whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people Israel, each knowing his own affliction and his own sorrow and stretching out his hands toward this house, 30 then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways, for you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind, 31 that they may fear you and walk in your ways all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.

Amos 3:8 - The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?"

Lk 7:16 - Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?

For this is your due;  
for among all the wise ones of the nations  
and in all their kingdoms  
there is none like you.

Jeremiah 10:7

2 Kings 17:35-39 - 35 The Lord made a covenant with them and commanded them, "You shall not fear other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them, 36 but you shall fear the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm. You shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice. 37 And the statutes and the rules and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to do. You shall not fear other gods, 38 and you shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not fear other gods, 39 but you shall fear the Lord your God, and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies."

2 Chron 19:7 - Now then, let the fear of the Lord be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the Lord our God, or partiality or taking bribes."

2 Chronicles 19:8-9 - 8 Moreover, in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed certain Levites and priests and heads of families of Israel, to give judgment for the Lord and to decide disputed cases. They had their seat at Jerusalem. 9 And he charged them: "Thus you shall do in the fear of the Lord, in faithfulness, and with your whole heart:

Ps 119:120 - My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.

2 Cor 5:11 - Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

### **Do Not Fear:**

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
Isaiah 43:1

“Listen to me, you who know righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is my law;  
fear not the reproach of man,  
nor be dismayed at their revilings.  
Isaiah 51:7

Romans 8:15 - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

### **Punishment for not fearing:**

2 Kings 17:25 - And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the Lord. Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them.

Transgression speaks to the wicked  
deep in his heart;  
there is no fear of God  
before his eyes.  
Ps 36:1

God will give ear and humble them,  
he who is enthroned from of old, Selah  
because they do not change  
and do not fear God.  
Ps 55:19

28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

29 Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

30 would have none of my counsel

and despised all my reproof,  
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way,  
and have their fill of their own devices.

Prov 1:28-31

Ecc 8:13 – But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Mal 3:5 - “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

#### **What is fear:**

Prov 1:7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 8:13 – The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Prov 9:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Prov 14:27 – The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Prov 15:33 - The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

#### **Commands:**

Exodus 20:20 - Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

Lev 25:17 – You shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God, for I am the Lord your God.

Deut 6:13 – It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Deut 6:24 – And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

Deut 8:6 - So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Deut 10:12 - “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut 10:20 - You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

Deut 13:4 – You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.

Deut 14:23 - And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

Josh 24:14 - “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Ps 33:8 – Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Ps 34:9 – Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Prov 3:7 - Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Prov 23:17 - Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the Lord all the day.

Prov 24:21 - My son, fear the Lord and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise

Eccl 5:7 - For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

Eccl 12:13 – The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Is 8:13 - But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Matt 10:28 - And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Lk 12:5 - But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Rom 11:20 - That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

2 Cor 7:1 – Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Phil 2:12 – Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

Heb 4:1 - Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

1 Pet 2:17 – Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Rev 14:7 - And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”



### **Additional Scripture Used in the Message (NASB Translation)**

“In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,  
The whole earth is full of His glory.”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. 5 Then I said,

“Woe is me, for I am ruined!  
Because I am a man of unclean lips,  
And I live among a people of unclean lips;  
For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7 He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”” Isaiah 6:1-8

“5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. 6 His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult. 7 Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength. 9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16 And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can such a servant of my

lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

18 Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. 19 He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.””

Daniel 10:5-19

Revelation 1

Ezekiel 1-2

### **The wrath of God on sin**

Jeremiah 30:23 - Behold the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

Romans 1:18 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Revelation 19:15 - From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

### **Salvation instead of Punishment**

1 Thes 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

“For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20 For they could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.” 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling.” 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. 26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.” 27 This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:18-29

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
13 Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him  
Ps 103:11-13

### **We Must Put into Practice What We Learn**

1 Cor 4:20 - For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.

### **Understanding What We Were Saved From Leads to Fear and Reverence**

Psalm 130:4 - "There is forgiveness with you [O God], that you may be feared."

### **Delight in the Fear of the Lord**

Neh 1:11- O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name

Psalm 112:1 - "Praise the LORD! How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands."

Psalm 144:15 - "How blessed are the people who are so situated; How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!"

Heb 4:12 - "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."