

## ~FEAR (256)

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- As commonly used, fear means an expectation of harm or pain, generally a painful emotion characterized by alarm, dread, disquiet. However, fear may also mean a calm recognition or consideration of whatever may injure or damage, such recognition causing one to exercise reasoned caution and intelligent foresight.

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- The Bible shows that there is a proper **fear** and an improper **fear**. Thus, **fear** may be wholesome and cause the individual to proceed with due caution in the face of danger, thereby averting disaster, or it may be morbid, destroying hope and weakening a person's nervous stamina, even to the point of bringing about death.

- The **fear** of God is healthful, it is an awe and a profound reverence for the Creator and a wholesome dread of displeasing him. This **fear** of incurring his displeasure is a result of appreciation of his loving-kindness and goodness together with the realization that he is the Supreme Judge and the Almighty, who has the power to inflict punishment or death upon those who disobey him.

See Also AWE

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- The proper **fear** of Yehowah God is essential to those who would serve him. This profound **fear** of Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom, the start of wisdom.

- The **fear** of Yehowah is the beginning of wisdom. All those doing them have a good insight. His praise is standing forever. (**Psalms 111:10**)

- The **fear** of Yehowah is the start of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Most Holy One is what understanding is. (**Proverbs 9:10**)

- It is not a morbid **fear** that tears down, the **fear** of Yehowah is pure.

- The **fear** of Yehowah is pure, standing forever. The judicial decisions of Yehowah are true, they have proved altogether righteous. (**Psalms 19:9**)
- This fear is defined thus at,
- The **fear** of Yehowah means the hating of bad. Self-exaltation and pride and the bad way and the perverse mouth I have hated. (**Proverbs 8:13**)
- The fear of Yehowah means the hating of bad. It will prevent one from following a bad course, for in the **fear** of Yehowah one turns away from bad.
- By loving-kindness and trueness error is atoned for, and in the **fear** of Yehowah one turns away from bad. (**Proverbs 16:6**)
- Adam and Eve failed to exercise a proper, healthful **fear** of God and therefore they disobeyed him. This produced in them a painful fear or terror, which caused them to hide from God's presence. Adam said, Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was afraid.
- Finally he said; Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was **afraid** because I was naked and so I hid myself. (**Genesis 3:10**)
- Adam's son Cain felt a similar **fear** after murdering his brother Abel, and this fear may have been a contributing factor in his deciding to build a city.
- At this Cain said to Yehowah; My punishment for error is too great to carry. (**Genesis 4:13**)
- Here you are actually driving me this day from off the surface of the ground, and from your face I shall be concealed, and I must become a wanderer and fugitive on the earth, and it is certain that anyone finding me will kill me. (**Genesis 4:14**)
- At this Yehowah said to him, For that reason anyone killing Cain must suffer vengeance seven times. And so Yehowah set up a sign for Cain in order, that no one finding him should strike him. (**Genesis 4:15**)
- With that Cain went away from the face of Yehowah and took up residence in the land of Fugitiveness to the east of Eden.

**(Genesis 4:16)**

- Afterward Cain had intercourse with his wife and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then he engaged in building a city and called the city's name by the name of his son Enoch. **(Genesis 4:17)**
- Wherefore, seeing that we are to receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us continue to have undeserved kindness, through which we may acceptably render God sacred service with godly fear and awe. **(Hebrews 12:28)**
- Christians are instructed to have godly **fear**: Let us continue to have undeserved kindness, through which we may acceptably render God sacred service with godly **fear** and awe. An angel in midheaven, having everlasting Good News to declare, opened his declaration with the words; **Fear** God and give him glory.
- And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, and he had everlasting Good News to declare as glad tidings to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. **(Revelation 14:6)**
- Saying in a loud voice; **FEAR God and give him glory**, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. **(Revelation 14:7)**
- Jesus contrasted the wholesome **fear** of God with fear of man, saying; as recorded at;
- And do not become **fearful** of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, but rather be in **fear** of him that can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. **(Matthew 10:28)**
- Do not become **fearful** of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, but rather be in **fear** of him that can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.
- Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Look! The Devil will keep on throwing some of you into prison that you may be fully put to the test, and that you may have tribulation ten days. Prove yourself faithful even to death, and I will give you the crown of life. **(Revelation 2:10)**

- He also counsels Christians: Do not be afraid of the things you are about to suffer. Real love for Yehowah expels the cowardly **fear** of man that leads to compromise.
- Proper **fear** does, however, include due respect for secular authority, because the Christian knows that just punishment from the authority for a crime would be an indirect expression of God's anger.
- For those ruling are an object of **fear**, not to the good deed, but to the bad. Do you, then, want to have no fear of the authority? Keep doing good, and you will have praise from it. (**Romans 13:3**)
- for it is God's minister to you for your good. But if you are doing what is bad, be in fear. For it is not without purpose that it bears the sword. For it is God's minister, an avenger to express wrath upon the one practicing what is bad. (**Romans 13:4**)
- There is therefore compelling reason for you people to be in subjection, not only on account of that wrath but also on account of your conscience. (**Romans 13:5**)
- For that is why you are also paying taxes, for they are God's public servants constantly serving this very purpose. (**Romans 13:6**)
- Render to all their dues, to him who calls for the tax, the tax. To him who calls for the tribute, the tribute. To him who calls for fear, such **fear**. To him who calls for honor, such honor. (**Romans 13:7**)
- Jesus predicted that at the conclusion of the system of things a climate of **fear** would cover the earth. He said that there would be **fearful** sights and that men would become faint out of **fear** and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth.
- And there will be great earthquakes, and in one place after another pestilences and food shortages, and there will be **fearful** sights and from heaven great signs. (**Luke 21:11**)
- While men become faint out of **fear** and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (**Luke 21:26**)

- While people in general would be affected in this way, servants of God should follow the principle expressed at;
- You men must not say; A conspiracy! Respecting all that of which this people keep saying; A conspiracy! And the object of their **fear** you men must not fear, nor must you tremble at it. (**Isaiah 8:12**)
- The object of their **fear** you men must not **fear**. The apostle Paul explains;
- For God gave us not a spirit of cowardice, but that of power and of love and of soundness of mind. (**2 Timothy 1:7**)
- The wise man, after making a careful study of mankind as well as man's occupations and calamitous experiences, said; The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is;
- The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is: **Fear** the true God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole obligation of man. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**)

## •• Animals Toward Human's

- And a **fear** of you and a terror of you will continue upon every living creature of the earth and upon every flying creature of the heavens, upon everything that goes moving on the ground, and upon all the fishes of the sea. Into your hand they are now given. (**Genesis 9:2**)
- The word **fear** is used in connection with the animal creation. God told Noah and his sons; A **fear** of you and a terror of you will continue upon every living creature of the earth. During the year that Noah and his family were inside the ark, the animals and birds penned up therein had a **fear** of these human's that helped to restrain them.
- Accordingly, when they emerged from the ark after the Flood, Yehowah gave Noah assurance that this fear would continue. This is supported by human experience. Dr. George G. Goodwin, Associate Curator of Mammals, The American Museum of Natural History, said; Normally, a leopard will not attack a man. If provoked or wounded, however, the animal will turn on human beings and fight.

- Similarly, if given the opportunity, poisonous snakes known for aggressiveness, such as the mamba and king cobra, prefer, as a rule, cautiously to glide away from the presence of man rather than attack. Though man has mistreated and turned some animals into vicious creatures, it is generally true that this restraining **fear** still applies.
- **This is in harmony with God's statement at;**
- **And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26)**
- **And God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)**
- **Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**
- **That the animal creation was to be subject to man from the time of his creation.**