

THE AWE OF GOD | HIGHLANDS COLLEGE CHAPEL

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Barna Studies

- In the last 23 years, over 40 million Americans have walked away from the faith.
- Half of those 40 million are now professing agnostics, atheists, and spiritualists.

"There shall be stability in your times... the fear of the Lord is your treasure and His treasure."
Isaiah 33:6 (AMPC)

What is the Fear of the Lord?

- It is NOT to be scared of God!
 - "Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.'" Exodus 20:20 (NKJV)
- To Fear God is to be in AWE of Him – to honor, tremble, revere, esteem, respect, value, and venerate Him more than anything or anyone else.
 - We firmly embrace God's heart. We love what He loves. We hate what He hates.

"Because You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You... more than Your companions." Hebrews 1:9 (NKJV)

"The person who is scared of God has something to hide.
The person who Fears God has nothing to hide." - *John Bevere*

What is the Awe of God?

1. Tremble at His presence.
 - "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him." Psalm 89:7 (NKJV)
 - "By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy." Leviticus 10:3 (NKJV)
 - "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him (Jesus), the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the Spirit of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord." Isaiah 11:2-3 (NKJV)

- “The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.” Psalm 19:9 (NKJV)

“You will never find God in an atmosphere where He is not held with the utmost of respect.” - *John Bevere*

2. To tremble at His Word.

- “This is the one to whom I will look: he (or she) who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.” Isaiah 66:2 (NKJV)
- If you tremble at His Word you will obey Him...
 1. Immediately.
 2. Even if it doesn't make sense.
 3. Even if it hurts.
 4. Even if we don't see a benefit.
 5. All the way to completion.

Promised Rewards of the Awe of God

1. Friendship with God

- “The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.” Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)
- “Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who fear him. With them He shares his secrets.” Psalm 25:14 (NLT)
- “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” John 15:14 (NKJV)

2. Joy

- “How Joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying His commands.” Psalm 112:1 (NLT)

3. Blessed Posterity

- “Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.” Psalm 112:2 (NLT)

4. Eliminates All Other Fears

- “They (those who fear the Lord) do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly.” Psalm 112:7-8 (NLT)

5. Wisdom

- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Psalm 111:10 & Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)



- “Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do.” Proverbs 4:7 (GNB)
- “The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.” Proverbs 14:27 (GNB)
- “The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom.” Proverbs 15:33 (NKJV)
- The Fountain protects you from the traps of death
 - “But that night God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, ‘You are a dead man, for that woman you have taken is already married!’” Genesis 20:3 (NLT)
 - “In the dream God responded, “Yes, I know you are innocent. That’s why I kept you from sinning against me, and why I did not let you touch her.”” Genesis 20:6 (NLT)

“You mature your salvation through
fear and trembling.” - *John Bevere*

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