

Healthy Fear

Part 1 – Should We Love God or Fear Him?



Fear of God can either be _____ or healthy - debilitating or _____

Should we fear God?

Why when _____ is _____ (1 John 4:8)?

“Jesus loves me...”
John 3:16

To love God is to _____ him.

The joy of the Lord is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)

To enjoy God brings _____

Psalm 68:19 - Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.

Psalm 28:6-7 - Praise be to the LORD,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.

“God is most _____ in us
when we are most _____ in him!”
John Piper

F – We are _____ creatures before a holy, God

E – _____ God alone is truly glorious

A – _____ A deep and profound _____
in the presence of God

R – _____ – In response we honor God with
humble obedience

Isaiah’s Vision (6:1-8), Peter’s encounter (Luke 5:1-11)

“God doesn’t use someone _____
until his awes him _____.”

The Transfiguration (Mark 9), Paul’s conversion (Acts 9)

Healthy Fear Is Foundational To Healthy Living

Proverbs 1:7 - The _____ of the _____ is the beginning of knowledge...

(Heather – please insert Ed Welch’s Diagram here – see sermon notes for more information)

Psalm 34:11- ...I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

1 Peter 2:17 - Show proper respect to everyone....fear God...

Acts 9:31 - The church...enjoyed a time of peace...living in the fear of the Lord.

The truth is we _____ to fear God; we are _____ to fear God; we are even _____ to fear God.

How do love and a healthy fear of God work together?

The key is to think of God as _____

As a _____ Father he desires closeness with us

As a _____ Father he has _____ of right and wrong Like any good father, he sets down rules for us to live by which reflect his values.

Leviticus 20:7-8 – Consecrate yourselves and be holy,
because I am the LORD your God. 8 Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

As a _____ Father he knows the difficulties we face and wants to protect us, setting rules to keep us away from the ruining effects of sin.

Choose to _____, choose to _____!

Deuteronomy 5:28-29 - 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!

Apathy, Terror or Reverence?

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