

## Fear of the Lord = Wisdom

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**Last week we looked at James 3:13-18 and ended our discussion with the following truth:**

**Wisdom is important, we will never find it on our own, but we can get it by fearing God.**

**I'm hoping we can tie in the fear of God as it compares to our earthly fears and we can overcome them by trusting in God's plan.**

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 35:4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

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

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

Matthew 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.

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

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

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

1. What do you fear and how does it affect the way you live? Does it lead to anger, worry, anxiety, or attempts to control others?

2. Is there something God has commanded from his Word that you are fearful to do? Why are you fearful? What truth about God gives you courage in the midst of fear?

3. How would a renewed fear (awe, reverence) of the Lord encourage you to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel?

Eph. 4:1, Col. 1:10, 1 Thess. 2:12