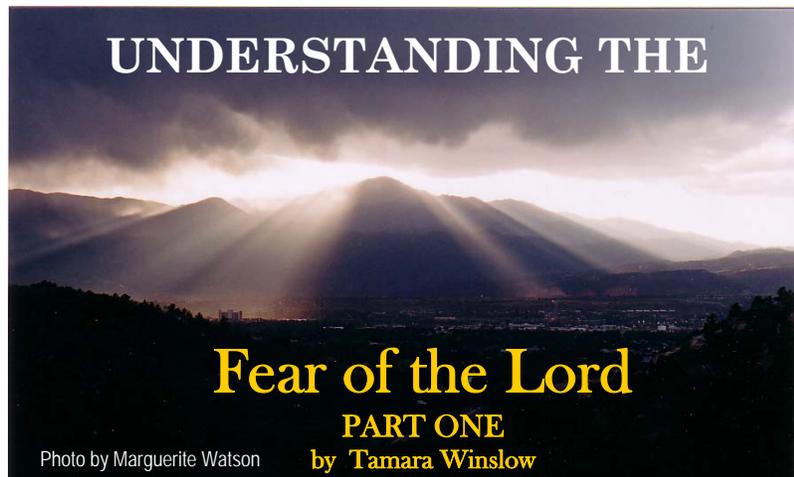


A heavily, smoking clouded blackness cloaked the mountain as if the sky itself was lowering to envelop everything in its grasp. Thunder rumbled so violently that it seemed to unsettle everything that could be shaken. Bolts of forceful lightning exploded across the peak as simultaneously an earthquake vibrated the ground in response to the fiery Heavenly presence descending before a massive, trembling congregation. The visual impact was overwhelming. Finally as the presence of the Lord descended upon the summit the sound of an exceedingly and increasingly loud trumpet waxed stronger till the Lord spoke to Moses before the people. Stunned and fearful the crowd edged backwards uncertain of how to respond. Terrified of dying they unanimously asked Moses to hear God for them. Then as the people stood at a distance, Moses eagerly drew near to God and disappeared into the cloud. Today, the Lord is still beckoning to speak to any and all who would hear Him. Sadly, some still prefer that only a select group of leaders listen for the majority. This reluctance originates out of a distorted understanding of what we will examine

in this series as the fear of the Lord. This Biblical, spiritual concept is probably one of the most difficult topics I know of to teach. Personally, I wrestled with it, even struggling to some-

and 6 Greek words that somewhere in the Bible are all translated as the fear of the Lord but from a unique and multi-faceted perspective. Without a clear definition, there can't be an understood application.



how define it in simple terminology for anyone to grasp. It took nearly 10 years of repeated, agonizing research, prayer and cross-referencing hundreds of Scriptures until finally about 3 years ago, the Holy Spirit began to unlock this message. It's my hope that those who read this series will appreciate the marvels of a subject all Christians and non-Christians will benefit from. So let's begin.

The fear of the Lord isn't easily defined. Its definition has to be literally crafted from a collection of 15 Hebrew

Defining the fear of the Lord must be developed as one combines the various Hebrew and Greek definitions through comparing and connecting the similarities and differentiating their uniqueness. Consequently a practical and working definition for the phrase "fear of the Lord" or "fearing God" would be something like this.....

DEFINITION

The fear of the Lord is- a conscious, willful, honor, awe or respect of God's awesomeness and character that makes one hesitate cautiously and restrains behavior to avoid harmful con-

sequences and broken spiritual relationship, often accompanied by feelings of inward trembling.

The fear of the Lord isn't a terror that drives us away from God. In fact it's quite the contrary. Fearing God practices a respectful dependence that urges the soul forward into intimate spiritual relationship and seeks to know God's true character.

The Hebrew Children repeatedly experienced the terrifying, awesome manifestations of the power of God. This particular aspect of the fear of the Lord develops by coming into contact with the terribleness or awesomeness of God's power and divinity. But the fear of the Lord is also developed and exhibited due to a knowledgeable respect for His character. This angle tends to lend permanence and stability to the concept of fearing God that the experiences and power manifestations can't seem to maintain.

Defining the fear of the Lord must include respecting His character. Persons who demonstrate a healthy fear of the Lord live their daily lives in a way that they don't dishonor His character through unbelief, grumbling and suspiciously accusing Him of unfaithfulness. They respect Him. Furthermore, the saint who understands the affects of the New Birth realizes that a life that is lived contrary the Divine nature received through new creation doesn't fear God. A good example for this is found in Jeremiah 15:18-19.

Jeremiah was distressed. He felt abandoned by God, isolated and misunderstood. In the midst of his complaint God responded. The best transliteration for this passage is found in the Amplified Transliterated Version of the Bible.

Jer 15:18 Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you indeed be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail and are uncertain? 19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people]. AMP

God challenged Jeremiah in verse 19 saying that if Jeremiah would return to the Lord and give up the emotionally generated mistaken tones of despairing distrust and would also cleanse his heart from unwarranted and accusing suspicions against God's character, God would use him. Persons who lack the fear of the Lord judge God as being unfaithful, unjust, unloving, withholding and more. Unknowingly they most probably possess a Humanistic view of God's character that says "whatever will be will be" or "if it happens its the will of the gods". They blame God for everything that happens in their lives. The person who fears the Lord always seeks to respect His character no matter what circumstances may imply.

There are numerous references that state the "fear of the Lord is..." Each of these describes either characteristics of this fear or conditions that result from practicing it. For example Psalms 110:10 and Prov. 9:10 both state that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Well-meaning individuals quote this and make it sound like the fear of the Lord is defined as the beginning of wisdom. However, in doing so it makes the definition obscure and difficult to apply. In actuality the verses assert that the fear of the Lord results in the beginning of wisdom. The same applies to fearing God as being clean (Ps. 19:9); the beginning of knowledge (Pro. 1:7); strong confidence (Pro. 14:26); instruction of wisdom (Pro. 15:33); and a fountain of life (Pro. 14:27). The most likely definition in a Biblical sense is mentioned in Pro.

8:13. The fear of the Lord makes one to hate all evil, all pride, arrogance, the evil way and the froward mouth. We'll look at each of these things later on in this series.

WE MUST BE TAUGHT THE FEAR OF THE LORD OR LAWLESSNESS WILL RESULT

Spiritual doctrine and truth doesn't come by osmosis. Truth must be repetitively and consistently taught. This is especially so when dealing with the Fear of the Lord. Ps. 34:11 is but one passage that emphasizes this necessity. This verse establishes four strategic and vital principles in how the Fear of the Lord is to be taught.

Ps 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. KJV

Principle Number One

An invitation must be given. "Come" suggests a summons to the teaching is offered. This request must be responded to in such a way that the old carnal manner of life is put to death and a new manner of life results due to walking out the teaching. God invites us to learn the fear of the Lord through a variety of teachers and voices. The question is will we willingly respond and put aside our old manners of life?

Principle Number Two

The invitation is specifically directed to children, possibly the less mature, the younger generation or spiritual offspring. It infers a tender form of address given by an experienced master who calls to one and all who will learn. This could imply some form of relational accountability, which in this case is mandatory. Later on in this series we'll discover that there is a generational responsibility that can't be neglected if the fear of the Lord is to be taught. Each older generation has the God-given responsibility to teach the next and upcoming generations. If the older generations fail to do so, or present the subject from the wrong perspective, deception and lawlessness results.

Principle Number Three

Those who give the invitation also demand the hearers to listen intelligently or to pay attention. Furthermore, this practice of hearing isn't passive. Consequently, "to hearken," is directly linked to obedience which is the resulting fruit of those who truly pay attention to the instructors. In order for this to occur the listeners must love God's Word and consider that the Scriptures are the absolute standard for life. The teaching is disabled if the listener does not love God's word. Sadly enough, the absence of a love for the truth in God's Word, Spirit and character has created an almost unreceptive environment and the fear of the Lord is rarely spoken of or absent.



Principle Number Four

The phrase, "I will teach you the fear of the Lord" must be understood against the backdrop of the Hebrew "alamed^akem", which is translated as "I will teach you" according to the Interlinear Transliterated Bible. It originates from the Hebrew word "Lamad" and is a word that is defined by various Hebrew sources as a form of teaching compared to a goad.

A goad was usually a straight rod-like branch of oak or some other strong wood, stripped of bark. At one end was a pointed spike and at the other a flat chisel-shaped iron. The pointed end was used to

prod the oxen while plowing. The flat end scraped off the dirt that clogged the plow blade. It was also occasionally a deadly weapon for experienced warriors as mentioned in Judg 3:31. The words of the wise are compared to a goad in Eccl 12:11. In the vision on the road to Damascus Jesus told young Saul that it was hard to kick against the goads (Acts 26:14) so saying that Paul had behaved like a self-willed ox, going his own way in the plowing and was being corrected and brought back into line with the prick of the goad.

Teaching the fear of the Lord requires more than wordy instructions. Like the goad, learning the fear of the Lord comes about as one exercises right and wrong decisions followed by good results or suffering consequences and then being brought back to what is right through the use of quick, but not harmful corrective pointed measures. In one sense you could say you are poked back into proper position. Attentive disciples train their ear and fine tune their hearing to recognize the warnings and the words of those more wise than themselves thereby avoiding harmful circumstances or the breakdown of intimate relationship. Consequently teaching the fear of the Lord requires the watchful and relational corrective oversight of a mature leader.

These four principles are fundamentally necessary for the fear of the Lord to be successfully taught. But there is also another factor to bear in mind. Developing a healthy fear of the Lord is considered a priority with God!

The Hebrew Children had corporately witnessed the amazing events at Mount Sinai. According to Exodus 19:17-19; Ex. 20:18-20 and Deuteronomy 4:9-11, those events and experiences were intended to teach the people the fear of God. God used several influences to communicate that. We'll examine those later in this series when we learn how the fear of the Lord is

communicated and developed. But take notice to Deuteronomy 4:9-11.

Deut 4:9- Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain: and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.KJV

People are forgetful. They fail to remember even the most dynamic spiritual encounters and revelations. The Hebrew Children were no different. Moses warned them to guard or protect their hearts specifically concerning the things they saw and heard when the Lord descended on Mount Horeb. God had purposely gathered the people to teach them His fear so that they in turn would teach their children. But forgetfulness always poses a formidable foe when developing and maintaining the fear of the Lord. Its also the reason that if one generation doesn't transfer what it has learned about the fear of the Lord the following generations will lose it entirely unless there is divine intervention or special messengers sent to revive it.

Once again in Deut. 4:9-11, the word "lamad" is used and is translated as "learn" in the King James Translation. God makes learning the fear of the Lord a priority. It is to be a foundational principle of every single day of your life. Furthermore, learning the fear of the Lord isn't an event it's a lifelong journey that must be continually nurtured and protected. But what is necessary for this to happen?

Deut 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! KJV

One can almost hear the ache, the groan and the intensity of God's desire in this verse. "O that there were in them such a heart that they would fear me!!!! " He

longs for it. He almost aches over it. And as always, His reasonable desire isn't selfish but consequential. From this passage we can see that one of His sole purposes, in desiring for us to fear Him, is so that our lives and our children's lives will go well or be successful, happy and joyful. The good life is directly connected with fearing God. He wants us to fear Him so life will be good!

Let's rehearse the definition again!

The fear of the Lord is- a conscious, willful, honor, awe or respect of God's awesomeness and character that makes one hesitate cautiously and restrains behavior to avoid harmful consequences and broken spiritual relationship, often accompanied by feelings of inward trembling.

When we fear God we become consequential in our thinking. We become intelligently aware of how our behaviors, our words and our relationships should be. Therefore we decide not to do anything that might result in harmful loss or cause us to damage our intimacy with Him if we fear Him. Consequently to fear Him is really to love Him and that loving respect produces a life of obedience that demonstrates that you don't want to do anything that could endanger the relationship He wants to have with you. Deuteronomy 10:11-13 directly connects the fear of the Lord with obedient lifestyle, worshipful service and love! These united concepts cause us to realize inheritance. Without them there is no possession, no inheriting of promise.

Do we indeed have a heart in us to fear Him? What does that really mean?

To own a heart that fears Him means that the inner being is constantly affected by His standards of character, truth, His word and so much more. The heart includes the multifaceted inward compartments of the human being. To fear Him with your heart implies that your conscience is ruled by the convictions of His spirit and truth. It stresses that ones thinking, understanding, memory, determination of will, appetites, desires, emotions and passions are governed by what He determines as right and wrong, beneficial or destructive and life or death. The very character of the human being, saved or unsaved, pivots and expresses itself remotely and indirectly according to the individual's often-unseen revelation of how he or she interprets the fear of the Lord. All choices originate from this apex. But if this is never taught or communicated and never demonstrated practically this unrealized governing influence over mankind will wither and chaos will emerge unrestrained.

If you want to personally develop the fear of the Lord than Psalms 86:11 is a prayer that you should utter daily.

Ps 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. KJV

To unite the heart implies that it is divided and needs to become one in emphasis and decision. This is an Old Testament passage and doesn't take into consideration the affect of the New Birth on the human spirit. Legally and potentially, once a person has been born again, the human heart or spirit (generally considered to be the same) has been renewed. Practically speaking, however, the average believer

isn't even close to walking this out and remains in an internal war. This prayer is more than necessary considering the unstable condition of most saints. Nonetheless we'll have to examine the New birth form of the fear of the Lord in much more detail in a later section of the teaching.



When we fear God we become consequential in our thinking.

What is most important is that we can pray for His help! He will intervene in our behalf if we ask Him to teach us. He will also show us where we lack an understanding of the fear of the Lord. With His help we can unite our divided and conflicting inner being. In our next section of teaching we'll examine how He teaches us the fear of the Lord. It is a high priority with Him and it needs to be ours as well if we are to understand what this ongoing journey involves. Then we can appreciate what it means to fear Him in all He is!

NEXT ISSUE! PART TWO

Understanding the Fear of the Lord

HOW GOD TEACHES US TO FEAR HIM!

INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH LEVEL ONE



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The Institutes for Biblical Truth is a 3 and one-half week intensive time of training. The course is presented in a retreat-like, TV/ movie-free environment, & structured family atmosphere.

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Having researched thousands of Biblical topics, Tamara has been intensely assembling and writing several new books. We are also excited to announce the release of numerous new digital teaching recordings. She will be spending the majority of the month of May working on these new materials. It seems that writing books attracts more intense spiritual warfare than any other type of ministry. The various books she is currently working on are cutting-edge topics and her insights are a definite threat to the kingdom of darkness. Please pray about the following for Tamara as she writes the books on the topics listed.

THE REVIVALIST!

Hundreds of books have been written about revival even though a Biblical perspective on the subject of the numerous types of revival, its parameters, developments, pitfalls and fruits is seldom addressed in current Christian literature. Even fewer have been written about the ministry of the revivalist. After nearly 20 years of Biblical research, Tamara endeavors to bring about a balanced perspective on a subject that has often only been scrutinized through

historical rather than Biblical approaches. This book is absolutely riveting! *No projected release date.*

WRITING NEW BOOKS!!

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This book originates from the past 15 years of in-home experience, Biblical research and practical insights Tamara has gained having individuals from Gen X and Y live in the Winslow home, now known as Cornelius House. The root needs of these generations will be addressed, and practical teaching and training in how to help this younger generation fulfill its destiny will be covered. *No projected release date.*

PRAISE & WORSHIP; A TRAINING MANUAL.

The first edition of the Praise and Worship Manual came out nearly 20 years ago. It was 55 pages long and well received. Tamara is presently completing the all new 4th edition of the **Praise & Worship, A Training Manual** manuscript. The new edition is a whopping 320 pages including detailed study outlines, well-written descriptive teachings on numerous subjects related to the Biblical Perspective on Praise

& Worship. Tamara writes about such topics as how the different types of human wills affect how we praise; The Affects of the New Birth in praiser; the majority concept of non-musical praise and worship; the directions of praise and soooo much more. This long awaited edition is nearing completion and will be well worth the attention of all believers who long to praise and worship God with their lifestyles!

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ENOVATION UPDATES & GROWTH

Institutes For Biblical Truth is experiencing MORE growing pains. Cornelius House II needs another bathroom, plus landscaping, finishing the classroom and upgrading the kitchen. The construction workers been busy with renovations in Cornelius House I and have almost completed renovating both bathrooms. The next projects include adding the new basement bathroom, painting & finishing the classroom ceiling and fencing and landscaping the ugly back garden area into something more functional and eye appealing. We'll also be looking to purchasing a large TV and DVD/Video player for classroom use.

The operation of the Institutes for Biblical Truth is purposely very different than a normal school or conference environment. The Institute is designed around a home/ family environment. Consequently, *or as soon as possible*, we're looking to purchase property or facilities capable of comfortably housing 30-50 students and staff where there is also room to expand as well

as maintain. Purchasing this type of property is going to take a miracle, as the price for this type of facility is costly and property values are rapidly increasing in the Colorado Springs area. Tamara is ready to increase the class size of the Institutes to 30 students as soon as appropriate facilities are located and purchased. Furthermore, additional qualified staff is needed for all sorts of work. Please, will you pray with us as we pursue this next step in what God has given us to fulfill His Word for the Institutes for Biblical Truth?

Cornelius House II



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