

# The Fear of the Lord

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Revelation 15:4 – *“Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.”*

## I. Introduction

***“Proper fear of the Lord will cause us to glorify and worship God in this life as we prepare for eternity.”***

## II. Those Who Fear God Glorify God

What is your aim or purpose in life? Is it to be successful, happy, or healthy? To be thought of well as a person or as a parent or Christian?

*“We cannot truly fear God without seeking His glory.”* Jerry Bridges

1 Corinthians 10:31

Nothing in life is too ordinary or insignificant to be excluded. Paul says even ‘eating and drinking’ is to be done for God’s glory. Nothing is so important that we can say it supersedes the pursuit of God’s glory.

We fear the Lord or reverence Him by bringing glory to His name. We bring glory by our response to Him and our reflection of Him.

### **1) Response to Him**

We respond to God by ascribing to Him the honor and adoration due Him because He is God.

### **2) Reflection of Him**

Matthew 5:16 – *“in the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

*“Nothing in our conduct should obstruct God’s glory from being reflected in us. That is, in everything we do and say no matter how insignificant, the world should be able to see that we are God’s people, Exalting God’s glory ought to be our chief purpose in this earthly life.”* Simon Kistemaker

## III. Those Who Fear God Worship God

When we fear God we will worship Him, both as a way of life (Romans 12:1) and in the more narrow sense of praising and adoring Him (Psalm 29:1,2).

It is not just public worship but also our private worship that must be cultivated as well.

*“The vitality and genuineness of corporate worship is to a large degree dependent upon the vitality of our individual private worship.” Jerry Bridges*

#### **IV. Those Who Fear God Have Eternity in View**

Everything we do and say in this life must have eternity in our view. The blessings and sufferings in this life have an eternal purpose.

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen...”*

Rope Illustration

#### **V. Conclusion**

- 1) How can the fear of God lead you to glorify God?
- 2) How do you respond to God and reflect God in your life?
- 3) How does the quote by Kistemaker affect you?
- 4) How should your worship change as you grow in the fear of the Lord?
- 5) Do you consider eternity in the decisions you make in your life?
- 6) Was the rope illustration helpful in your view of eternity? How?