

A Woman Who Fears The LORD . . .

(A Study on Proverbs 31)



The Fear of the Lord

INTRODUCTION

According to the Scriptures, the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; it is to hate evil and to stand in reverent awe of who God is. The book of Proverbs reveals the wisdom of God regarding all the issues of life. Its words cry out after us to saturate our hearts, minds, and souls with the wisdom of God concerning womanhood, marriage, children and the family. Proverbs 14:1 strongly instructs: *Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands.* As women we must pursue God's wisdom through an intimate relationship with God in order to become spiritually beautiful women, loving wives, and kind and caring mothers. To the woman who fears the LORD, her heart has become the sanctuary for her God. Without a true encounter with Christ through His Word and prayer, we will not be fulfilled as women and will instead be miserably foolish no matter how beautiful we may be outwardly. Proverbs 31:30 declares: *Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.* We would do good to draw near to God and seek His wisdom that we might become . . . A Woman Who Fears the LORD.

THEME SCRIPTURE

Charm¹ is deceitful and beauty is passing², but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised (Proverbs 31:30).

MEMORY VERSE

Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe³ of Him (Psalm 33:8).

¹ *Charm*: favor, graciousness, kind, pleasant, precious.

² *passing*: emptiness, transitory, unsatisfactory, vain.

³ *awe*: abide, assemble, be afraid, dwell, fear, reverence.

II. BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS

How does the Word of God describe the fear of the LORD?

Psalm 19:9a _____

Proverbs 1:7 _____ 6 7

What do fools do? _____

Proverbs 8:13 _____

_____ 8

Proverbs 9:10 _____

What is the knowledge of the Holy One? _____

Proverbs 14:27 _____

What will it turn you away from? _____

Proverbs 15:33 _____

What is before honor? _____

PERSONAL

Use one of the Biblical Descriptions above and WRITE how it has given you a clear understanding of what the fear of God is.

⁶ knowledge: the accumulation of truth and facts.

⁷ wisdom: putting knowledge into righteous practice.

⁸ perverse: froward mouth; fraud, contrary, unruly.

III. GOD'S PROMISES

What are God's promises to those who fear the LORD? _____

Psalm 25:12 _____

Psalm 25:14 _____

Psalm 31:19, 20 _____

Psalm 33:18, 19 _____

Psalm 34:7 _____

Psalm 34:9a _____

Psalm 85:9 _____

Psalm 103:11 _____

Psalm 103:13 _____

Psalm 103:17 _____

What is God's promise to the children's children of those who fear the LORD? _____

Psalm 115:13 _____

Psalm 145:19 _____

Psalm 147:11 _____

Proverbs 10:27 _____
What happens to the wicked? _____

Proverbs 14:26 _____

Proverbs 16:6 _____

Proverbs 19:23 _____

Proverbs 22:4 _____

PERSONAL

What promise(s) means the most to you today? _____

IV. MEDITATE, ENGRAVE, AND WRITE

Do you long to become a woman who fears the LORD? How can the following Scriptures help you in your quest? WRITE and MEDITATE on these Scriptures until they are engraved on the tablet of your heart.

Psalm 86:11 _____

Psalm 119:38 _____

Psalm 119:63 _____

Psalm 119:74 _____

Psalm 119:79 _____

Now, WRITE a heartfelt prayer to the LORD using these Scriptures to guide you. ASK God to make your prayer become the longing of your heart.

Dear LORD,

WHAT IS THE CONCLUSION?

The wise preacher, who is believed to be King Solomon, the son of David the King of Israel, was gifted with God-given wisdom, great riches, and world renown honor. Although God blessed him with everything a man could ever desire, he sinned greatly. However, what did he finally conclude at the end of his life?

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 _____

Why (v. 14)? _____

*Be in the fear of the LORD
all day long.*

Proverbs 3:7

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