



The Fear of the Lord is...

📖 Proverbs 1:7

- This morning we're going to look at one of the most important phrases of the book, **Proverbs 14:27**
- Even though Solomon was one of the wisest people to ever live, there was a time in his life when he walked away from wisdom, **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

The Fear of the Lord...

■ What it isn't...

■ What it is...

- ☞ The fear of the Lord is something that should make you **come closer** to Him.
- ☞ The fear of the Lord is a life re-arranging, joyful, awe and wonder before the greatness of **who** God is and **what** He has done.

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■ **Beginning with God.** Proverbs 9:10

- ☞ What you believe about God, is the launching pad for the way you will see **everything in your life.**
- ☞ All true knowledge and reason begins with **a proper understanding of God.**
- ☞ **Practically:** God must be the **center** of your life.

■ **Knowing God.**

Proverbs 2:1-5; Deuteronomy 10:12

- ☞ God must cease from being a **concept** and become someone who **we know** because He has revealed Himself.
- ☞ **Practically:** God must be the **desire** of your life.

■ **Trusting God.**

- ☞ Trusting God is what the fear of the Lord looks like in our daily **lives** and **choices.** 📖 Proverbs 3:5-6
- ☞ **Paradox:** **Wise** people realize that they can be very foolish and **foolish** people think they are very wise.
- ☞ How we **see God** will determine how much we will trust Him.
- ☞ **Practically:** God must be trusted **unconditionally.**

■ **Discovering the grace of God.**

- ☞ 📖 Proverbs 20:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Proverbs 16:6; 1 Corinthians 1:30
- ☞ **Practically:** God must be **personally experienced.**
- 📖 Psalms 34:8-9

My Next Right Step

- I am naming Christ as my Savior.
- I will center my life on Jesus.
- I will start reading Proverbs today. I'll work on my Wisdom Journal.
- I will memorize **Proverbs 1:7.**

Additional Scriptures:

Psalm 34:8-9; Job 1:8; Job 28:28; Psalm 11:10; Proverbs 29:25; Psalm 130:4; Psalm 19, Psalm 8, Proverbs 15:33; 1 Corinthians 1:22-24; Romans 5:6-8; Colossians 2:2-3

**Next Sunday: "31: Money Matters—
Five Principles for Financial Stability"**



Please bring this sheet with you to your Home Team this week!

Warm Up

- What kind of things were you afraid of as a child? Do you have any quirky fears now?

Opening Prayer

"Father, thank You for helping us feel safe in Your love. Help us to be in awe of You each day this week."

Discussion Questions

Read Psalms 19:1-3

⇒ How does it make you feel to see the awesomeness of God in nature?

Read Proverbs 9:10

According to this passage, wisdom and knowledge stem from a healthy fear of the Lord.

⇒ When we put God (not self) first, how does that change our outlook on the world around us?

⇒ How does the absence of faith in God affect a person's outlook on the world?

Read Proverbs 2:1-3

⇒ This passage describes a passionate search for wisdom. Think about your everyday routine.

Does it reflect a search for godly wisdom? What activities would you include in a passionate search for wisdom?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Wise people recognize their weakness. They know when to ask for help.

⇒Did you encounter anything this week that cause you to reach out and ask for help? If so, was it hard or easy for you to do?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:13

In this book, Solomon moves from feeling that life is empty and meaningless, to recognizing that purpose and meaning are found in fearing God and following his commands.

⇒Have you ever gone through a time when life felt meaningless? If so, how did you restore your sense of peace and purpose?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Jesus Christ is God's wisdom in the flesh. He came to die for our sins and to restore us to relationship with God. We are now ambassadors for Christ, inviting others to discover the goodness of God. Is there someone in your life that you feel drawn to share Gods' love with? Write their name here and pray for them this week.

Praise & Prayer List



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Message Notes
& Home Team
Small Group Questions

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For the week of April 18, 2010

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“Wisdom doesn't automatically come with old age.
Nothing does - except wrinkles.
It's true, some wines improve with age.
But only if the grapes were good in the first place.”
—Unknown



This Sunday
“31”
Money Matters: 5 Principles
for Financial Stability