

The **Holy Fear** of the **Lord**-6/25/17

Malachi 3:16 The Book of Remembrance

16 Then those who **feared the Lord** spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who **feared the Lord** and **esteemed his name**.

Proper fear and esteem=God remembers

Deuteronomy 6:1-6 The Greatest Commandment

“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you **may fear the Lord your God**, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that **you may multiply greatly**, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **You shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Obedience to the commandments=long life-multiplying greatly-an abundance in the land

Proverbs 2:1-5 The Value of Wisdom

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will **understand the fear of the Lord** and find the **knowledge of God**.

Choosing to seek and obey the Word of the Lord causes us to fully know the Fear of God

Proverbs 8:13 Hatred of Evil

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

By knowing God we agree with him to hate evil

Acts 9:26-31 Saul in Jerusalem

And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And **walking in the fear of the Lord** and **in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied**.

Being empowered by the Fear of the Lord we boldly proclaim Christ