

Wise Up – 5 “Reverential Fear”

[The Fear of the Lord]

Difficult to explain on multiple levels

WHAT IT'S NOT:

- A tormenting fear or demonic fear
II Timothy 1:7 (ref)
- It's not being afraid of God (i.e. scared of God)
Galatians 3:13 / Romans 8:1 / I John 4:18 (ref)
- Luke 1:74-75 (Zechariah's prophecy) (NLT)

WHAT IS IT?

- Profound respect for God and His Word
- Reverential, obedient fear (Abraham)
- To be in “awe” of God
(to be arrested by His Presence and Person)
- Wholesome dread of displeasing God
- Wisdom

Psalms 111:10 (NLT)

Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

Proverbs 15:33 (NLT)

Job 28:28 (NLT)

Foundation of Wisdom

Beginning of Wisdom

Is Wisdom

Examples – Job / Abram / Mary (mother of Jesus)

Jesus – Isaiah 11:1-3 (Ampl., Message)

Matthew 4:8-10 (third and final temptation)

Vs. 10 Jesus said it was written (a reference to the Old Testament).

“You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.” (not found)

Deuteronomy 6:13 “You must fear the Lord your God and serve Him.”

Deuteronomy 10:20 / 13:4 (ref)

Joshua 24:14 / I Samuel 12:14, 24 (ref)

Jesus used fear and worship interchangeably.

To fear God is to worship Him and serve Him.

Examples:

- Job 1:1, 8 (Job feared God)
Job 1:20 (NLT)
- Cornelius and his household
Acts 10:1-2 (NLT)
- Peter's testimony
Acts 10:34-35 (NLT)
All nations are to fear God and do what is right.

Psalm 19:7-11 (NLT)

..... clean and endures forever

Psalm 4:4 Stand in AWE and sin not....

Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in AWE of Him.

Example: The Grand Canyon (National Park in Arizona)