

Teaching our Hearts to Fear

Working through 1 Peter...

1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to your past desires...

15-16 “But...be holy, because it is written, “You shall be Holy, for I am Holy”



Godly Fear

I Peter 1:17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves in fear** during the time of your stay on earth; 18 **knowing** that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but **with precious blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

“CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN FEAR”

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Amazing Grace

“It was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved”

-John Newton

“Fear Relieved”

I John 4:17-18

“Love is perfected with us, so that **we may have confidence for the day of judgment**...There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. **For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.**”

3 Biblical Components of Godly Fear:

- 1) Savoring God's Position as our Forgiving Father
- 2) Valuing God's Purposes in our Redemption
- 3) Appreciating the Precious Price paid for our Redemption

1) Savoring God's Position as our Forgiving Father

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Forgiveness leads to fear

Psalm 130:4

“There is forgiveness with You,
[O, God] that you may be feared”

“How then could I do this great evil,
and sin against God?”

(Gen 39:9)

“FORGIVEN-DRIVEN FEAR”

v.17 Conduct yourself in fear,

v.18 **knowing** that you were **redeemed**

with precious blood

“Grace has taught my heart to fear,
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“Completing Sanctification in the Fear of God”

2 Cor 7:1 “Therefore, dear friends, since we have such promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every impurity of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

2 Cor 6;16,18 God has said:

“I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

¹⁸ And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

1 John 3:1

“Behold how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.”

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a) FROM Futility

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“Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.” --Francis Chan

2) Valuing God's Purposes of Redemption

b) TO Faith and Hope

v20 “(you) through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

3) Appreciate the Precious Price paid for Redemption

...LIVE IN FEAR,v.18 **knowing** that
you were not **redeemed** with
perishable things like silver or gold...

Psalm 49

7 No one can redeem the life of another
or give to God a ransom for them—

8 For the ransom for a life is costly,
no payment is ever enough—

9 so that they should live on forever and not
see decay.

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Eph 1:4 He (the Father) chose us in Him (the Son) **before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

John17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, **whom You have given Me**, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, **for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**"

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A Final Word

- * “If you address God as Father...”
- * The Father, who GAVE AWAY His Son, Jesus, who Appeared,... for YOUR sake”
- * SO THAT, “your faith and hope are in God”

Be afraid to live for any other futile drama!

THERE IS A REDEEMER