

The Healthiest Fear

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Discussion Questions

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- What might be some misunderstandings about the fear of the Lord?
- What does it mean to say that the fear of the Lord is a “relational reverence”? How does a relational reverence differ from a non-relational reverence?
- How is the fear of the Lord compatible with the attitude that Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to have?
- What are some of the reasons why people may choose not to fear the Lord?
- The book of Proverbs says that no true wisdom comes without a right relationship with the true God. How do you explain this when it is clear that certain people who do not have a relationship with Christ could be considered wise in some sense?
- How is the fear of the Lord compatible with wisdom and incompatible with folly (consider Proverbs 9:1–18)?
- The fear of the Lord expresses itself in humility and moral uprightness. What other characteristics would we expect to find in those who fear the Lord? Give biblical support for your answer if you can.
- What benefits do you expect to gain from fearing the Lord?
- What are some examples in your life of blessings you have received from making wise choices? What consequences have you suffered for making unwise choices?
- What is the problem with saying that verses like Proverbs 22:4 guarantee prosperity to those who fear the Lord (consider Proverbs 15:16 also)?