

# Learning to Fear God

*The Power of God's Word – Part 4 (Deuteronomy 5:32 – 6:7)*

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*Psalm 111:10 (NIV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.*

*Proverbs 1:7 (NIV) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

*Matthew 10:28 (NIV) Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

*Deuteronomy 5:29 (NIV) Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God

*Deuteronomy 5:32a (NIV) So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you;*

### 1A. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ from obedience

*Deuteronomy 5:32b (NIV) do not turn aside to the right or to the left.*

### 1B. Expect to receive God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Deuteronomy 5:33 (NIV) Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.*

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God

*Deuteronomy 6:1-2a (NIV) These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe ... so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live ...*

## 2A. Fear God through \_\_\_\_\_

*Deuteronomy 6:2 (NIV) so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.*

## 2B. The fear of the Lord brings \_\_\_\_\_

*Deuteronomy 6:3 (NIV) Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.*

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God ...*

### 3A. Love God with \_\_\_\_\_ you have

*Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

### 3B. Keep His commands in your \_\_\_\_\_

*Deuteronomy 6:6 (NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*

## 4. \_\_\_\_\_ your children God's Word

### 4A. Teach your \_\_\_\_\_ to obey, fear and love God

*Deuteronomy 6:7a (NIV) Impress them on your children.*

### 4B. \_\_\_\_\_ about God's Word continually

*Deuteronomy 6:7b (NIV) Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

# Learning to Fear God – Study Guide

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Intro. Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom and knowledge (Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7)?

Why is the fear of the Lord the only fear you should have (Matthew 10:28)?

How would you define the fear of the Lord?

Why does God want you to fear Him (Deuteronomy 5:29)?

1. How can you be careful to obey God's commands (Deuteronomy 5:32)?

In what ways can you expect to be blessed when you walk in God's ways (Deuteronomy 5:33)?

What evidence do you see of people disrespecting God and godly leaders today (2 Timothy 3:1-2)?

2. What is the connection between obedience to God's commands and fearing the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:1-2)?

How does the promise of Deuteronomy 6:3 apply to you today?

In what ways should you fear God in your life?

3. How can you both love and fear God at the same time (Deuteronomy 6:4-5a)?

What does it mean to love God with all you have (Deuteronomy 6:5b-6)?

4. What is a parent's responsibility regarding teaching their children to obey, fear and love God (Deuteronomy 6:7)?

What is the church's role in teaching children God's Word?

What ways can you use to talk about God's Word continually in all of life (Deuteronomy 6:7b)? How is this connected to fearing God?