

A Healthy Fear of the Lord

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Proverbs 1:7, *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

1 Kings 4:29-34, *“God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand that is on the seashore. ³⁰ Solomon’s wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹ For he was wiser than all men...and his fame was known in all the surrounding nations. ³² He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. ³³ He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish. ³⁴ Men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.”*

Proverbs 1:2-7, *“To know wisdom and instruction, to discern the sayings of understanding, ³ to receive instruction in wise behavior, righteousness, justice and equity; ⁴ to give prudence to the naive, to the youth knowledge and discretion, ⁵ a wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, ⁶ to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

Psalms 130:4, *“There is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.”*

Job 28:28, *“And to man God said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’”*

Proverbs 8:12-13, *“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.”*

Psalms 112:1, *“Praise the Lord! How blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.”*

Psalm 128:1, *“How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.”*

James 3:15-17, *“This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.”*

James 1:5, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

Proverbs 13:15, *“The way of the treacherous is hard.”*

Genesis 3:8-10, *“Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”*

2 Corinthians 7:10, *“Sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”*