

## Searching the Scriptures / 75 / What Does The Fear Of The Lord Produce? / Part 5

Our Bible study topic today centers on a number of benefits that the believer’s respectful “*fear of the Lord*” produces; and of course, this list is in no way complete.

Let’s first take a look at the supreme example of the “*fear of the Lord*”, which the Lord Jesus demonstrated by His life of perfect obedience to God the Father. As one contemplates the Bible’s teachings concerning what the fear of the Lord produces, one discovers that humility and obedience are important results, as Php 2:5–11 illustrates: *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

Please note that these verses precede Php 2:12–13, which is one of the chief passages we have been considering this week that furnishes us with a great deal of information about the fear of the Lord: *“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* Heb 5:7 also affirms: *“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared...”*

With this in mind, let’s focus our attention on what the fear of the Lord produces in the life of a believer. The Lord Jesus perfectly exemplified what is also the inheritance of each believer, as found in Isa. 8:13, *“Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.”*

**1** Those who fear the Lord will follow the admonition of Ecc 12:13, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”*

**2** Those who fear the Lord are blessed with children unless they remain unmarried, as Psa 128:3–4 teaches, *“Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.”*

**3** Those who fear the Lord have their prayers heard by God and He saves His elect, as we read in Psa 145:19, *“He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.”*

**4** Those who fear the Lord are given spiritual food according to Psa 111:5, *“He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.”*

**5** Those who fear the Lord have the Gospel or Covenant revealed to them by God through the Scriptures in the words of Psa 25:14, *“The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”*

**6** Those who fear the Lord are under the watchful care of God, Who delivers them from spiritual death, or Hell, and from spiritual famine, as Psa. 33:18–19 teaches: *“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”*

**7** Those who fear the Lord will never be left in spiritual poverty as Psa 34:9–10 assures us: *“O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.”*

**8** Those who fear the Lord will speak of His salvation as 1 Pet 3:15 points out: *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”*

**9** Those who fear the Lord will be spiritually satisfied and will not experience God’s impending judgment. Pro 19:23 asserts, *“The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.”*

**10** Those who fear the Lord will inherit spiritual riches, honor, and life, as Pro 22:4 says, *“By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.”*

**11** Those who fear the Lord will have a hatred for sin according to the testimony of Pro 8:13, *“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.”*

**12** Those who fear the Lord will prolong their days, as we see in Pro 10:27, *“The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.”*

Dear listening friend, has God truly given you the “fear of the Lord”?