

THE LAW OF THE WISE
MESSAGE 1: UNDERSTANDING THE FEAR OF THE LORD
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• **FOUNDATION:**

- Proverbs 13:12-14
- Proverbs 13:14 [*Message Bible*] - The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, so, no more drinking from death-tainted wells!
- Psalm 128:1 — Fear = reverence, respect, honor
- GOD CAN BE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD!

I. **WHAT THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS NOT!**

- a. The fear of the Lord is not natural fear: to be afraid of something.
- b. The fear of the Lord is not demonic fear:
 - i. 1 John 4:18
 - ii. Demonic fear is tormenting & destructive.
 - 1. Luke 21:26
 - 2. Psalm 27:1-3
- c. The fear of the Lord is not religious fear:
 - i. Isaiah 29:13
- d. The fear of the Lord is not the fear of man:
 - i. Proverbs 29:25

II. **WHAT IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD?**

- a. Proverbs 28:13
 - i. Evil is a destructive force toward humanity.
 - ii. Evil defined: adversity, affliction, calamity, misery, sorrow, wicked, to cause injury, damage, undesirable results, sufferings, misfortune, disaster, morally bad.
 - iii. Evil is the corruption of what God has established in the earth.
- b. 2 Peter 1:4
 - i. God has established the fact that man could draw from God's Power & Provision to meet all of man's need.
 - ii. "The Spirit of God is as destructive toward evil as He is creative toward good." – Dr. Dennis Burke –

- iii. Acts 5:15 — Peter's Shadow
- iv. Johns 3:19
- v. James 4:8 – “draw near to God & God will draw near to you.”
- c. Psalm 33:8
 - i. Seek the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead you into the Word of God
 - 1. Romans 8:26 — HELP = to take hold together with us against any and all evil attacks.
 - ii. You MUST be willing to change your thoughts, attitudes, and desires, and cause them to line up with the thoughts and desires of God.
 - 1. Psalm 112:1-10
 - 2. The fear of the Lord & the delight of the Word of God go hand in hand.
 - 3. Become a giver & God exalts you.