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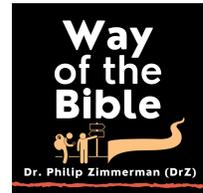
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Welcome to Episode #056 of Way of the Bible podcast. This is our eighth of eight episodes in our mini-series entitled, Fear of the LORD | Job thru Song of Songs. On this episode we're going to take a walk on the beach with DrZ and explore some of practical applications of the fear of the LORD found in the books of Job thru Song of Songs in a believer's life in 2022.

In this mini-series we've explored in overview fashion the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs. These books are referred to as Wisdom literature in the Bible and they sit between two major divisions of the Old Testament. The first division being the history of mankind and then Israel from Genesis thru Esther. The second division being the prophetic texts written before, during, and after fall and dispersion of the Northern kingdom by Assyria and the fall of the Southern kingdom by Babylon who carried a remnant from Judah into Babylonian captivity where they remained for seventy years. We'll address these prophetic texts in our next mini-series.

Job is the oldest book in the Bible written sometime during the days of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) or pre-flood. It describes the LORD using Satan to teach Job a lesson God wanted him to learn; and one in which we can all benefit. Our own abilities to do good and shun evil and the blessings of the LORD that may manifest are not what God wants us to look at when trials occur. Rather, we are to fully trust God in all circumstances knowing in his wisdom, mercy, compassion, understanding, and loving kindness He will carry us through whatever we are experiencing.

Psalms are the hymns that were sung to God in the temple by the priests and choirs and with musical accompaniment. They are broken into five divisions and reflect the lessons recorded for Israel in the five books of the Pentateuch. All the psalms point to Jesus in one way or another, and reflect God's loving kindness in keeping his covenants with Israel and with King David in spite of their many rebellions and breaking of the LAW.

Proverbs are a collection of sayings and lessons on wisdom and understanding by King Solomon and others. It is thought of much like a tutoring text to raise up sons in the way they should go. The central theme of the Proverbs is to do good and avoid evil in all aspects of one's life.

Ecclesiastes is a book of Solomon that points to the meaninglessness of all toil done under the sun. Money, possessions, accomplishments, sex, drugs, and rock & roll no matter the amount or lavishness will not bring one a sense of life meaning or purpose. Solomon notes repeatedly that God is the one that determines one's lot in life. And whatever God has given in terms of station and wealth are to be enjoyed all the days of their life.

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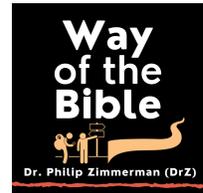
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Song of Songs is a marriage love story written by Solomon. The story demonstrates the beauty and bond of marital love between a man and a woman.

Throughout each of the first four books runs an underlying theme centering around the Fear of the LORD. These include

12 verses in Job (10 of 42 chapters)

63 verses in Psalms (40 of 150 Psalms)

20 verses in Proverbs (16 of 31 Chapters)

And 6 verses in Ecclesiastes (5 of 12 Chapters)

As Christian believers we know there is a creator God in heaven who has revealed Himself as one in essence and three in person (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). He is the creator of everything seen and unseen in heaven and on earth. That includes "everything" and "everyone." Mankind is not only created in the image and likeness of God, but God actually knits every human being together in their mothers womb. He places a spirit in each person, records their name in the book of life upon birth, and records every internal and external aspect of their lives in other books in heaven. When their lives end and their spirits return to God, God will hold them ALL accountable for their actions from birth; everything good and evil, seen and unseen done in the body.

The standard God uses is not our standard for good and evil, but his own standard based upon perfect righteousness with all wisdom and understanding and showing no favoritism to any human or heavenly being. In the end, ALL will be judged equitably and rewarded or punished judiciously – without fault or error.

Since the beginning of creation in the Garden of Eden, God warned mankind to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for a reason. Death and separation from a perfect and holy righteous God was the consequence of evil; and anything apart from the perfect good, the righteous will of God, is contrary to God and cause for eternal separation. Eve was deceived by the Serpent in the garden and ate the forbidden fruit. She gave it to her husband Adam, who was with her, and he ate it. All their descendants that followed were born into sin with a natural bent toward sin in pursuit of our own will.

God tells the serpent his days are numbered and that the serpents end will be by the hand of an offspring of the woman. An offspring the serpent will bruise in the heel before the offspring crushes the serpents head. But what about mankind?

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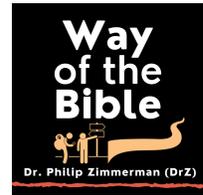
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God blessed the man and woman, told them to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, and have dominion and rule over all the animals on land and fish in the sea. Then he let them loose to begin the destiny of all mankind. Right off the bat God lets the first two sons of Adam and Eve know the rules of the game after they offered sacrifices to God. Able offered a blood sacrifice from his flock and Cain offered produce from his fields. Able's offering was acceptable to God, Cain's was not. God spoke to Cain and told him that if he did what was right, he would be accepted. But that if he did not do what was right, sin was crouching at his door and its desire was to master him; but Cain must master it (sin). So right off the bat, mankind was instructed by God to do good and shun evil. Cain didn't listen, got his brother Abel to join him in the field, and killed his brother Abel. Left on our own, mankind has shown to have no temperament to want to know or please God. This hasn't changed to this day in 2022.

God had a flood judgment day when the wickedness of mankind had produced only evil in their hearts all the time. While God spared Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives, it wasn't long before mankind once again abandoned God and disobeyed his commands to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. It was at this time God revealed his plan for a more formal direct instruction to mankind when he disinherited the nations in Genesis 11 at the tower of Babel (see Deuteronomy 32:8-9) and made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12-50). God was going to bless people of all the nations he just disinherited through Abraham, his descendants, and his seed (Jesus).

Then God freed Jacob's (Israel's) descendants from 400 years of Egyptian bondage through great signs and wonders. In the Exodus, God demonstrated to the nations of the world his existence, power, and might over the most powerful nation of that day and over all the gods worshiped in the heavenly realms. And he also revealed to the surrounding nations a people he called his own, Israel.

God revealed himself visibly in fiery dark cloud and audibly spoke the ten commandments out of the cloud from the top of Mt. HOREB to the nation of Israel encamped at its base. Then thru Moses he provided for the people laws and statutes of the covenant which the people agreed to follow in a blood covenant with God.

Moses retold the story to the people in **Deuteronomy 4:9-14** *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— 10 how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to **fear me** all the days that they live on the earth, and that*

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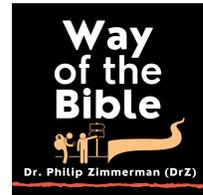
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they may teach their children so.' 11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. 12 Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments,[fn] and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

I encourage you to pull out your Bibles after this walk and read Deuteronomy 4 in its entirety. Especially after we've just completed the historical narratives of the rise and fall of Israel. You see what God showed Moses would happen to the people in Deuteronomy 4 was exactly what did happen. The people of Israel abandoned God to pursue, worship, and serve the gods of the nations of the people in the land rather than worship and serve their conventual God. I think that's what God was telling Israel in Solomon's Song of Songs; the conventual love they abandoned in favor of harlotry with the gods of the nations.

You'll see this connection when comparing the following two passages. **Deuteronomy 4:23-24** – *Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. 24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.* **Song of Songs 8:6** – *Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, **jealousy** is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.* God burned with jealousy for his people and their adultery with the gods of the nations and he put a stop to it using the very nations they committed adultery with.

It looks like that latest squall line of the front passing through has passed and the rain has stopped for now, so if your up for it, let's see if we can get a quick beach walk in before the next one hits us. We'll introduce the topic and look at some of the key verses from the first four books of this mini-series and some New Testament texts as well. Then well discuss how we should consider proceeding from where we find ourselves.

No need for sunscreen this morning as the clouds are still heavy and threatening on his warm blustery morning. Fill up your coffee containers as you make your way to the back steps. We'll head out when everyone is at the bottom of the back porch.

Looks like we're all here. Check out that pounding surf; it has been washing up a lot of sea trash and seaweed so we'll keep to the wet sand above the surf line. Let's head west

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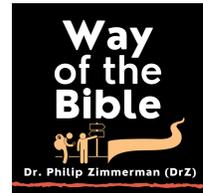
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today so if we see a squall line approaching we can turn around and try to beat it back to the beach house.

The topic is the fear of the LORD. And my question to begin this walk is should it be a topic for Christians to consider today? What we've seen culturally over the past fifty years in our country is an abandonment of formerly strongly held cultural morals and values based upon biblical principles and the adoption of morals and values deemed acceptable to personal preference apart from any universal standard.

From a biblical perspective, we've seen each time God's people of Israel made such a move away from God's commands, judgment from God typically precipitated in the form of God turning Israel over to some sort of invasion from a more wicked enemy. While we are not Israel, as Christians we are God's people and have adopted many of our secular cultural practices into our own lives and certainly surrendered our schools to the secularization and atheism. In this process we've now had two full generations raised in an educational and cultural environment absent of any concept of the fear of the LORD. Would God be unjust to turn our country over to destruction by the wickedness running ramped within our own borders? Without judgment wickedness rises until all that is worth saving is destroyed. Could a fresh lesson on the fear of the LORD to the masses curtail what history has demonstrated time and time again is about to happen here?

Let's examine some passages and find out. Let's take them two at a time.

Job 28:28 – And he [God] said to man, 'Behold, the **fear** of the **Lord**, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'

Job 37:24 – Therefore men **fear** him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit."

Psalms 33:8, 18-19 – Let all the earth **fear** the **LORD**; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!... Behold, the eye of the **LORD** is on those who **fear** him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 103:11-13, 17 – For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who **fear** him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the **LORD** shows compassion to those who **fear** him; But the steadfast love of the **LORD** is from everlasting to everlasting on those who **fear** him, and his righteousness to children's children,

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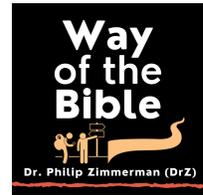
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Proverbs 8:13 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 10:27 – The **fear** of the **LORD** prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

Ecclesiastes 8:12-13 – Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who **fear God**, because they **fear** before him. But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not **fear** before **God**.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 – The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God** and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Sounds like the thunder is announcing the rain band heading down the beach toward us. We need to turn around and head back or get caught in a real downpour.

Turning around has given us the opportunity to start looking at a couple of New Testament passages that talk about the fear of the LORD

Luke 12:5 - But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Philippians 2:12-13 – *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **fear** and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

2 Corinthians 5:6-11 – *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, knowing the **fear of the Lord**, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.*

I think if we consider both the Old and New Testament passages, of which I've only included a few, that God desires that all fear him – in the terms that word connotes. While God is our father and loves us with a love beyond our imagination, he is more

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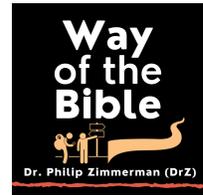
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jealous for your full trust and obedience to him than a life lived believing in Him yet in fear of man and obedience to secular cultural practices.

The choice is ours and pretty simple. Fear God knowing that if nothing changes he's going to allow the wickedness to proliferate until it destroys itself and all those in close proximity. Begin to mention to others this topic and ask if they fear the LORD, and if not why not.

Our guest speaker on this topic, Pastor Pete Kennedy mentioned he considered fear of the LORD to be a reverential awe of who God is and what he has given us. And there are many that would agree with him. I think that reverential awe is a natural outflow of our worship of God and not the same thing as the fear we are to have of God.

We are not to fear condemnation, or the wrath of God as Jesus has made a way for us by grace to be at peace with God and has appeased God's wrath toward us. But God also has plenty of resources at his disposal by which to bring trials into our lives and test us. And by that testing to ensure we are fully dependent upon what he has done and will do and not dependent upon anything we can do in our own righteousness and vain conceit to repay the free gift of salvation.

God is debtor to no one, owing no one anything on earth or in heaven. And God does not show favoritism to any person. God is the Holy one of Israel, a God to be feared, a God to be worshiped, a God to be praised, a God to be obeyed.

As believers we've surrendered our lives to God. The cares living our lives brings our way we are to cast upon Jesus as he cares for us. We are to trust that God will provide all that we need to accomplish His will for us as we listen, pray, and seek direction from the Holy Spirit who will guide us into all truth.

The difficulty comes in when we stop trusting God for fear of missing out on personal desires or succumb to cultural pressures to do what we know is not in the will of God for our lives. Little by little our dependence upon God's best for us is eroded and finally collapses. We find ourselves willingly putting God's grace to the test and pridefully saying to others the extent of God's grace is limitless.

Romans 3:5-8 – But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? 8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

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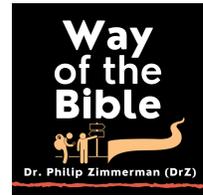
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Romans 6:1-4 – *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Walking in that newness of life is something the Holy Spirit is guiding us into every day. If we are willing to listen and follow the Spirit's instructions. Peter elaborates on this in 1 Peter 4:3-11 – *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities[fn] are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

And finally, to demonstrate the fear of the LORD is still in effect I note the two following prophetic passages in the book of Revelation during the great tribulation on earth just prior to Jesus' return.

Revelation 14:6-7 - *Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*

Revelation 15:4 – *Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

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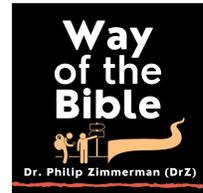
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Looks like we got back to the beach house just in time as the rain is starting to drop. Let's head quickly up the back steps into the house before the bottom falls out. We'll grab some more coffee and continue our discussion and/or answer your questions. Looks like we may be inside for awhile as that rain band looks like a big one.

On our next episode we'll begin a new mini-series looking at the prophetic books from Isaiah to Malachi. This will be a mini-series you won't want to miss as these texts make the New Testament understandable as they reveal Jesus was really who he said he was. And that means your faith is more real than you know or can even imagine.

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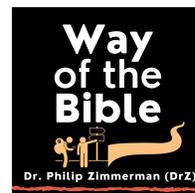
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Fear of the LORD Passages from ESV word search for the following words/phrases:

Fear LORD; Fears LORD; Fear God; Fears God; Fear; Fears; Feared; Name

JOB (10 of 42 Chapters (24%); 12 Verses)

Job 1:1, 8-9 – There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who **feared** God and turned away from evil. And the **LORD** said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who **fears** God and turns away from evil?” Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job **fear God** for no reason?”

Job 2:3 – And the **LORD** said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who **fears** God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.”

Job 4:6 – Is not your **fear** of **God** your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

Job 6:14 – “He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the **fear** of the Almighty.

Job 9:34-35 – Let him take his rod away from me, and let not dread of him terrify me. Then I would speak without **fear** of him, for I am not so in myself.

Job 15:4 – But you are doing away with the **fear** of **God** and hindering meditation before **God**.

Job 22:4 – Is it for your **fear** of him that he reproveth you and enters into judgment with you?

Job 25:2 – Dominion and **fear** are with **God**; he makes peace in his high heaven.

Job 28:28 – And he [God] said to man, ‘Behold, the **fear** of the **LORD**, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’

Job 37:24 – Therefore men **fear** him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.”

PSALMS (40 of 150 Psalms (27%); 63 Verses)

Psalms 2:11 – Serve the **LORD** with **fear**, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 5:7 – But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the **fear** of you.

Psalms 9:20 – Put them in **fear**, O **LORD**! Let the nations know that they are but men!

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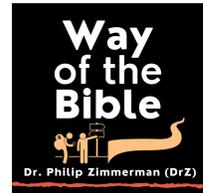
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Psalms 15:4 – in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who **fear** the **LORD**

[refers to those who will sojourn in the LORD's tent and dwell on his holy hill]

Psalms 19:9 – the **fear** of the **LORD** is clean, enduring forever

Psalms 22:23, 25 - You who **fear** the **LORD**, praise him!; From you comes my praise in the great congregation, my vows I will perform before those who **fear** him.

Psalms 25:12, 14 – Who is the man who **fears** the **LORD**? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose; The friendship of the **LORD** is for those who **fear** him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Psalms 27:1 – The **LORD** is my light and my salvation; whom shall I **fear**? The **LORD** is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 31:19 – Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who **fear** you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Psalms 33:8, 18-19 – Let all the earth **fear** the **LORD**; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!... Behold, the eye of the **LORD** is on those who **fear** him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 34:7, 9, 11 – The angel of the **LORD** encamps around those who **fear** him, and delivers them; Oh, **fear** the **LORD**, you his saints, for those who **fear** him have no lack!; Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the **fear** of the **LORD**.

Psalms 36:1 – Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no **fear** of **God** before his eyes.

Psalms 40:3 – He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our **God**. Many will see and **fear**, and put their trust in the **LORD**.

Psalms 47:2 – For the LORD, the Most High, is to be **feared**, a great king over all the earth.

Psalms 52:6-7 – The righteous shall see and **fear**, and shall laugh at him, saying, "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

Psalms 55:19 – **God** will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not **fear God**.

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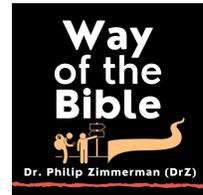
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Psalms 60:4 – You have set up a banner for those who **fear** you, that they may flee to it from the bow.

Psalms 61:5 – For you, O **God**, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who **fear** your **name**.

Psalms 64:9 - Then all mankind **fears**; they tell what **God** has brought about and ponder what he has done.

Psalms 66:16 – Come and hear, all you who **fear God**, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Psalms 67:7 – **God** shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth **fear** him!

Psalms 72:5 – May they **fear** you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

Psalms 76:7-12 – But you, you are to be **feared!** Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth **feared** and was still,

when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt. Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be **feared**, who cuts off the spirit of princes, who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

Psalms 85:9 – Surely his salvation is near to those who **fear** him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalms 86:11 – Teach me your way, O **LORD**, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to **fear** your **name**.

Psalms 89:6-7 – For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

Psalms 90:11 - Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the **fear** of you?

Psalms 96:4 – For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be **feared** above all gods.

Psalms 102:15 – Nations will **fear** the **name** of the **LORD**, and all the kings of the earth will **fear** your glory.

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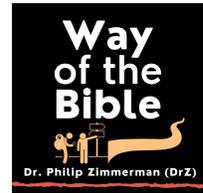
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Psalms 103:11-13, 17 – For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who **fear** him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the **LORD** shows compassion to those who **fear** him; But the steadfast love of the **LORD** is from everlasting to everlasting on those who **fear** him, and his righteousness to children's children,

Psalms 111:10 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Psalms 112:1 – Praise the **LORD**! Blessed is the man who **fears** the **LORD**, who greatly delights in his commandments!

Psalms 115:11, 13 – You who **fear** the **LORD**, trust in the **LORD**! He is their help and their shield; he will bless those who **fear** the **LORD**, both the small and the great.

Psalms 118:4, 6 – Let those who **fear** the **LORD** say, "His steadfast love endures forever.; The **LORD** is on my side; I will not **fear**. What can man do to me?"

Psalms 119:38, 63, 74, 79, 120 – Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be **feared**; I am a companion of all who **fear** you, of those who keep your precepts; Those who **fear** you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word; Let those who **fear** you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies.; My flesh trembles for **fear** of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.

Psalms 128:1, 4 - Blessed is everyone who **fears** the **LORD**, who walks in his ways!; Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who **fears** the **LORD**.

Psalms 130:4 – But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be **feared**.

Psalms 135:20 – You who **fear** the **LORD**, bless the **LORD**!

Psalms 145:19 – He fulfills the desire of those who **fear** him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Psalms 147:10-11 – His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the **LORD** takes pleasure in those who **fear** him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

PROVERBS (16 Of 31 Chapters (52%); 20 Verses)

Proverbs 1:7 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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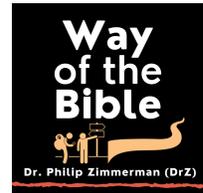
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Proverbs 1:29 – Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the **fear** of the **LORD**,

Proverbs 2:5 – then you will understand the **fear** of the **LORD** and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 3:7 – Be not wise in your own eyes; **fear** the **LORD**, and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 8:13 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 9:10 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 10:27 – The **fear** of the **LORD** prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

Proverbs 14:2 – Whoever walks in uprightness **fears** the **LORD**, but he who is devious in his ways despises him.

Proverbs 14:26 – In the **fear** of the **LORD** one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.

Proverbs 14:27 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 15:16 – Better is a little with the **fear** of the **LORD** than great treasure and trouble with it.

Proverbs 15:33 – The **fear** of the **LORD** is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16:6 – By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the **fear** of the **LORD** one turns away from evil.

Proverbs 19:23 – The **fear** of the **LORD** leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

Proverbs 22:4 – The reward for humility and **fear** of the **LORD** is riches and honor and life

Proverbs 23:17 – Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the **fear** of the **LORD** all the day.

Proverbs 24:21 – My son, **fear** the **LORD** and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise,

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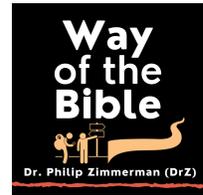
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Proverbs 28:14 – Blessed is the one who **fears** the **LORD** always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 29:25 – The **fear** of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the **LORD** is safe.

Proverbs 31:30 – Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who **fears** the **LORD** is to be praised.

ECCLESIASTES (5 of 12 Chapters (42%); 6 Verses)

Ecclesiastes 3:14 – I perceived that whatever **God** does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. **God** has done it, so that people **fear** before him.

Ecclesiastes 5:7 – For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but **God** is the one you must **fear**.

Ecclesiastes 7:18 – It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who **fears God** shall come out from both of them.

Ecclesiastes 8:12-13 – Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who **fear God**, because they **fear** before him. But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not **fear** before **God**.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 – The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God** and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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