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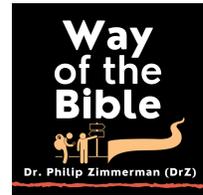
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Job thru Song of Songs



Welcome to Episode #055 of Way of the Bible podcast. This is our seventh of eight episodes in our mini-series entitled, Fear of the LORD | Job thru Song of Songs. This is a topic related guest interview episode with an awesome believer, friend, mentor in the faith, and a dearly loved brother in Christ, Pastor Pete Kennedy.

Before we get on the phone with Pastor Pete, let me summarize what we've covered on this mini-series of books found in the Wisdom literature. With the exception of the book of Job, the other four books in the Wisdom literature (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs) were written during or shortly after the reigns of King David and King Solomon who ruled over the united nation of Israel. At that time Israel rose from an invading presence to recognized nation status as both a regional and global power with both military might and economic strength.

We started with the oldest book in the Bible the book of Job. Thought to have been written in the Patriarchal period (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) or perhaps even much older, pre-flood. Whenever it was written, the book of Job illustrates that mankind was in significant communication with God prior to the formation of the nation of Israel. Job demonstrates three things of topical interest.

First, Satan was used by God to test Job through what he suffered; and teach Job something he needed to know.

Second, **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.'*

Third, what Biblical repentance looks like as demonstrated in Job's concluding remarks to God after God asked Job to answer some questions. **Job 42:1-6** – *Then Job answered the LORD and said: 2 "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."*

When we hear of God we are still in control and decide on our own if we will believe and obey or ignore God altogether. Everything changes when God shows up and starts asking us questions we cannot answer – we come to know we do not fully know but are fully known and are undone in the process. It is as simple as good and evil – knowing the difference, and doing good and avoiding evil.

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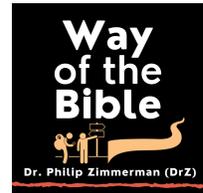
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We next addressed the Psalms in two parts. In the first part we examined the five divisions of the Psalms and their revelation that reflect the lessons God taught the Israelites in the LAW; the five books in the Pentateuch. In the second part we examined the most evident prophetic texts in Psalms which illuminate Jesus Christ as Israel's coming king, messiah, redeemer, and God of all nations.

And finally, we looked at the three books of King Solomon – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. Proverbs being a book on the wisdom and understanding of pursuing and practicing good while avoiding and despising what is evil and those who practice it. Ecclesiastes identifies that life is meaningless without believing in God and that God's gift to mankind practicing good is that they enjoy all that one toils at under the sun. Song of Songs is God's message through Solomon of the purity and perfection found in marital love – which is the love God has for his children.

My hope is that you read these books and while reading encounter in the first four books the often repeated benefits of those who fear the LORD and the consequences of those who do not. When something is repeated in Scripture it typically is interpreted as something that will happen. The more times it is repeated, the more significant the topic and eventually adopted as central to the storyline of the Bible. Such is the case with the topic fear of the LORD found in the first four books of the Wisdom literature (Song of Songs does not include a reference). The following are the topical mentions found in our mini-series text. A full listing of the verses are included in the Shownotes for this episode.

12 verses of Job (10 of 42 chapters)

63 verses in Psalms (40 of 150 Psalms)

20 verses in Proverbs (16 of 31 Chapters)

6 verses in Ecclesiastes (5 of 12 Chapters)

With that as a brief introduction, let's jump on a call with Pastor Pete Kennedy and get his input on the topic of the fear of the LORD and application in a believer's life today.

That was a great call with Pastor Pete, and I hope you enjoyed listening as much as I did engaging in the conversation. Thank you for listening. Subscribe, Follow, Rate, and Review Show notes and other resources found on WayoftheBible.com.

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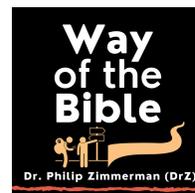
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Our next episode will be A Walk on the Beach with DrZ as we explore some of the nuances of application of the fear of the LORD mentioned by Pastor Pete in a believers life as we Simply Believe God and Follow Jesus. Living as children of light, overflowing with living water in the will of God. Being joyful always, praying continually, and thankful in all circumstances. Be blessed my brothers and sisters.

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!

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

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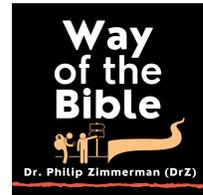
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[refers to those who will sojourn in the LORD's tent and dwell on his holy hill]

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**.

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.

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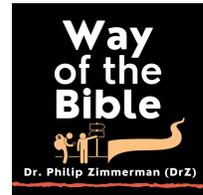
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Psalms 66:16 – Come and hear, all you who **fear God**, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

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.

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?"

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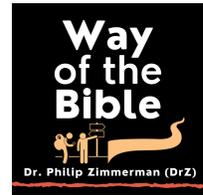
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Psalms 119:38, 63, 74, 79, 120 – Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be **feared**; I am a companion of all who **fear** you, of those who keep your precepts; Those who **fear** you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your 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.

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.

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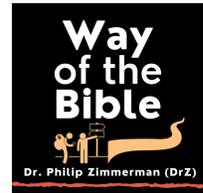
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Proverbs 16:6 – By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the **fear** of the **LORD** one turns away from evil.

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,

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.

SONG OF SONGS

None