

## *Bible verses to build your life on*

Jesus said: "... whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock..." ~ Matthew 7:24

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*Dear friends, Welcome to this very intriguing study/list of verses. I believe this topic is foundational for us having a relationship with our Creator, and as you read the verses, I believe you will agree. The "fear of the Lord" is where things must begin. It is also helpful to keep in mind that this fear that is being described in various different ways isn't: 1) a casual respect for God or 2) a terror of Him that drives us away from Him. ~ The definition is somewhere in between and I encourage you to explore these verses and ask God to show you what He is describing here, and avoid man's shallow definitions.*

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ø The phrase: "fear of the Lord"

In Repentance [turning from evil]:

2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. 19:7

"Now therefore, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

Job 28:28

"And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

Psalms 19:9

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

Psalms 34:11

"Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Psalms 111:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever."

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Other references:

Proverbs 1:7

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:28-33

"<sup>28</sup>Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. <sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <sup>30</sup>They would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke. <sup>31</sup>Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. <sup>32</sup>For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; <sup>33</sup>But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil."

Proverbs 2:5

"<sup>3</sup>Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup>if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup>then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God."

Proverbs 8:13

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate."

Proverbs 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 10:27

"The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened."

Proverbs 14:26 -27

"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death."

Proverbs 15:16

"Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure with trouble."

Proverbs 15:33

"The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility."

Proverbs 16:6

"In mercy and truth, atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil."

Proverbs 19:23

"The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil."

Proverbs 22:4

"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life."

Proverbs 23:17

"Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day."

Isaiah 33:6

"Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure."

Acts 9:31

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."

### **Of Jesus:**

Isaiah 11:2-3

"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears."

### **In Justice:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. 19:9

"And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of the Lord, faithfully and with a loyal heart."

ø The command to "fear the Lord"

### **Of Israel's Rebellion:**

Exodus 9:30

"But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the Lord God."

### **His command - our blessing:**

Psalm 15:2-5

"<sup>2</sup>He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup>he who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the Lord; he who swears to his own hurt and does not change [They keep their promises to their neighbors, even when it hurts.]; <sup>5</sup>he who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."

Psalm 22:23

"You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!"

Psalm 33:8

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him."

Psalm 34:9

"Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him."

Psalm 115:13

"He [the Lord] will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great."

Psalm 118:4

"Let those who fear the Lord now say, 'His mercy endures forever.' "

Psalm 135:20

"Bless the Lord, O house of Levi! You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!"

Proverbs 3:7

"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil."

Hosea 3:5

"Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days."

### **Fear Him because of His blessings:**

Jeremiah 5:24

"They do not say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the Lord our God, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.' "

### **His command - our protection:**

Deut. 6:24

"And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day."

Psalms 115:11

"You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield."

Jeremiah 26:19 (God protecting Jeremiah)

"Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever put him to death? Did he not fear the Lord and seek the Lord's favor? And the Lord— relented concerning the doom which He had pronounced against them. But we are doing great evil against ourselves."

Jonah 1:9

"So he said to them, 'I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of Heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.'"

### Preserving the fear of the Lord among the people:

Deuteronomy 6:2

"<sup>1</sup>Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you— 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

Deut. 6:13

"You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name."

Deut. 10:20

"You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name."

Deut. 14:23

"And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always."

Deut. 17:18-19

"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from *the one* before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may

learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes..."

Deut. 31:12, 13

"Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

Joshua 4:23-24

"... For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

Joshua 24:14

"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!"

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12:14

"If you fear the Lord and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the Lord your God."

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12:24

"Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."

### ø The phrase "feared the Lord (examples)"

#### Because of His Word through His messengers:

Exodus 14:31

"Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses."

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12:18

"So Samuel called to the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel."

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:3

"And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly)."

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:12

"... But I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth."

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:1

"A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, 'Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves.' "

Jonah 1:16

"Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord and took vows."

Malachi 3:16

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name."

### Teaching the idolatrous nations to fear Him:

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 17:28

"Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord."

ø The phrase "fears the Lord"

### God's delight:

Psalms 25:12

"Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses."

Psalms 112:1

"Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments."

Psalms 128:1

"(A Song of Ascents.) Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways."

Psalms 128:4

"Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord."

Proverbs 14:2

"He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is perverse in his ways despises Him."

Proverbs 31:30

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

Isaiah 50:10

"Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God."

ø The phrase "cease fearing the Lord"

To protect from:

Joshua 22:23-25

"<sup>23</sup>If we have built ourselves an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require *an account*. <sup>24</sup>But in fact we have done it for fear, for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your descendants may speak to our descendants, saying, "What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel? For the Lord has made the Jordan a border between you and us, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the Lord." So your descendants would make our descendants cease fearing the Lord.' "

ø The phrase: "terror of the Lord" ...

Of God's Judgment:

Isaiah 2:10

"Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty."

Isaiah 2:19

"They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily."

Isaiah 2:21

"To go into the clefts of the rocks, And into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily."

Of God's Holiness, leads us to obedience:

2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:11

"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences."

ø The phrase: "terror of God"

God protecting His own:

Genesis 35:5

"And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob."

ø The phrase: "fear of God"

God's protection:

Genesis 20:11

"And Abraham said, 'Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife.' " [Abraham's doubt was inaccurate]

2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. 20:29

"And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel."

To rulers:

2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:3

"The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: 'He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.' "

On lifestyle:

Nehemiah 5:9

"Then I said, 'What you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?' "

Nehemiah 5:15

"But the former governors who were before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of God."

2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 7:1

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Of the Rebellious:

Psalms 36:1

"To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord. An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes."

Romans 3:18

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Ephesians 5:21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another in the fear of God."

### His Command - our blessing:

Eccles. 5:2-7

<sup>2</sup>Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words. <sup>4</sup>When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— <sup>5</sup>Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup>Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup>For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God."

### Godly leaders will:

Exodus 18:21

"Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."

Eccles. 8:12

"Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him."

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**More notes:** There is much more that I found - here is just another short sample

ø The phrase "did not [do not] fear God [examples]"

### Examples:

Deuteronomy 25:18

Psalms 55:19

Luke 18:1-8

ø The phrase "feared God"

**Examples:**

Exodus 1:17

Exodus 1:21

Nehemiah 7:1-2

Job 1:1

Acts 10:2

ø The phrase "fears God"

**Examples:**

Job 1:8

Job 2:3

Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

ø The phrase "fearing God"

**Challenge to practice:**

Colossian 3:22

ø The phrase "fear the God of Israel"

Isaiah 29:23

ø The phrase "do not fear the gods [idols]"

**Of nations:**

Judges 6:10

ø The phrase "great fear came upon"

**In the early church:**

Acts 5:3-11

ø The phrase "fear Him"

**His command ~ our blessing:**

Deut. 8:6

Deut. 13:4

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 17:34-39

Job 9:35 (Job feared God)

Job 37:24

Psalms 22:23

Psalms 22:25 (referencing those who fear the Lord)

Psalms 25:14

Psalms 33:18-19

Psalms 34:7-9

Psalms 67:7

Psalms 85:9

Psalms 103:11-18

Psalm 111:5-10  
Psalm 145:18-20  
Psalm 147:10-11  
Matthew 10:27-28  
Luke 1:50  
Luke 12:1-7  
Acts 10:34-35  
Revelation 19:4-5

Ø The phrase "fear of Him"

Job 22:4  
Matthew 28:4

Ø The phrase "feared him" ~ fearing God's faithful messengers

Joshua 4:14

Ø The phrase "feared Him" ~ Jesus

Mark 11:15-18

Ø Examples of those who saw God or an angel and their responses:  
(Complete respect or complete terror ~ or is it something in between?)

Noah:

Hebrews 11:7

Joseph's example:

Genesis 39:7-15

Moses:

Exodus 3:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-21 - referring to when God appear to the Moses and the people of Israel and gave them the 10 Commandments.

Joshua:

Joshua 5:13-15

Isaiah:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Jesus:

Isaiah 11:1-4

Other examples:

Hebrews 5:7 (speaking of Jesus)  
Hebrews 12:28 (How our response should look)

ø Other similar phrases:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Deut. 13:11

Deut. 21:18-21

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:41-43

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 6:32-33

Job 28:28

Psalms 2:11

Psalms 61:5

Ps 86:11

Psalms 130:3-4

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Isa 29:23

Isaiah 8:12-13, 14a

Jeremiah 32:39, 40

Mal 1:14

Mal 2:5

Mal 4:2

Revelation 15:4

Revelation 14:6-7