

## **GROW IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD (Prov. 9:10)**

*“When People are BIG and God is Small” by Edward T. Welch (113-134)*

### **I. The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom...**

- A. Your direction in life depends on it.** (Prov. 10:27; 14:26; 15:16; 19:23; 22:4; 31:30)
  
- B. Your perspective on life depends on it.** (Job 1:21; 2:10; 28:28; 38-42)

### **II. The Knowledge of the Holy One is Insight.**

- A. You understand that sin must be punished.** (Matt. 5:22; 7:19; 9:43-44 10:28; 25:41, 46; Rom 2:4; John 3:36; 2 Cor. 5:11)
  
- B. You understand that awe does not always lead to acceptance.** (Mark 1:22, 27; 2:12; 5:20, 42; 6:2, 51; 7:37; 9:15)
  
- C. You understand that personal acceptance is possible because of Christ.** (Mark 5:25-34; 15:39; 16:8)

#### **Application:**

- Review the creation psalms: Psalms 8; 19; 29; 65; 104.
- Meditate on the enthronement psalms: e.g., Psalm 95-95; 99.
- Memorize Psalm 139.
- Identify songs that express God’s majesty and holiness.
- Read the book of Habakkuk.
- Read *The Holiness of God* by R.C. Sproul.
- Review the NT passages on hell (2 Thess 1:5-10; 2 Pet 2:6; Rev 14:9-11)
- Begin a “fear of the Lord” or “knowing God” prayer group.
- Take time to confess your fear of people and lack of fear of the Lord