

"The FEAR of the LORD"

Matthew 10:28 and Selected Scriptures

INTRODUCTION:

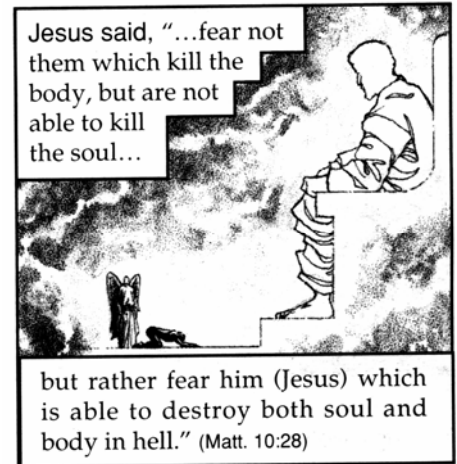
Christians should not fear:

1. Man (Prov. 29:25)
2. Physical circumstances (Mt. 8:26)
3. Death (Heb. 2:14-15)

Christians should fear God -

The fear of the Lord is "clean" (Ps. 119:9)

1. A fear of respect
Ps. 112:1; Mal. 1:6; Luke 12:4-5; I Pet. 2:7; Rev. 14:7
2. A fear of displeasing Him
II Cor. 7:1; Eph. 6:5; Phil. 2:12; I Pet. 1:17



All of Life's responsibilities can be reduced to a simple axiom:

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole *duty* of man." Eccles. 12:13

The FEAR of the LORD is a Profound Respect for Who God is and What He can do to you.

* **God is WORTHY OF RESPECT!**

I. **Christ's Serious Admonition to Fear the LORD** (*Matthew 10:28*)

II. **The Spiritual Benefits of Fearing the LORD**

A. **When you FEAR the LORD... You GAIN WISDOM** (*Proverbs 9:10*)

B. **When you Fear the LORD...You HATE SIN** (*Prov.8:13; 16:6*)

C. **When you Fear the LORD...You EXPERIENCE BLESSING**
Proverbs 10:27; 14:26; 14:27; 19:23; 22:4; Eccles. 8:12

D. **When you FEAR the LORD...You WALK HUMBLY**