

Fear the Lord

Acts 5:1-11

Main Point:

God is to be taken seriously by you; therefore, learn to fear the Lord, lest you incur His anger.

1. You are like Ananias and Sapphira whenever you take God lightly.

2. No one else may know when you are doing this, but God always does.

3. And God takes it very seriously, because He is to be taken seriously.

4. Therefore, learn to fear the Lord, lest you incur His anger.

Cross-References and Quotations

Derek Thomas “The judgment was not because Ananias had not given the whole of the proceeds as such; it was because he lied to the apostles as to the amount he had made on the sale ...”

John Stott “They wanted the credit of generosity without the inconvenience of it.”

Psalms 139:1-4 ¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:13 ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. (NKJV)

Psalms 44:20-21 ²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, ²¹ Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 16:17 ¹⁷ "For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson “These miracles remind us of the pervasive biblical truth that God is not only abundantly gracious but also jealously holy. The Lord of all the earth is not one to be trifled with.”

Derek Thomas “We are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ with all the rights and privileges of sons. But this assurance of our status as sons should not lead us into a reckless disregard for holiness and commitment on our part.”

Deuteronomy 4:24 ²⁴ "For the LORD your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God. (NKJV)

Revelation 14:6-7 ⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— ⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (NKJV)