

“The Fear of God: Its Definition” (Part 3)

Text: Various

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A. The Fear of God: Servile Fear

1. The Characteristics

- a. It is sinful: Gen. 1:26-31, Eph. 4:24, Heb. 5:7
- b. It drives a person away from God: Gen. 3:8-10
- c. It slanders God’s character: Matt. 25:24-26
- d. It creates spiritual bondage: 1 John 4:1

2. The Causes

- a. God’s Holy Law: Exodus 20:18-21, Acts 24:25, Rom. 8:15
- b. Spiritual Warfare: Gal. 5:1, Gal. 5:7, 2 Cor. 11:3, Rev. 12:10
- c. Personal Temperaments: 2 Timothy 1:7

B. The Fear of God: Filial Fear

1. What filial fear creates in the believer

- a. Creates a hunger to know God
- b. Creates a desire to love God
- c. Creates a zeal to worship God

2. What are the _____ of filial fear?

a. God's love in _____

Our necessity for the Gospel

Psalm 130:3-4

Our reliance upon the Gospel

Hebrews 9:14 & 22

b. God's love in _____

Chastisement humbles us into submission

Hebrews 12:5-9

Chastisement conforms us to Christ

2 Corinthians 1:8-9, Hebrews 5:7-8