

# **“The Fear of God: Its Definition” (Part 2)**

## **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**

SINCLAIR FERGUSON, “It is that indefinable mixture of reverence and pleasure, joy and awe which fills our hearts when we realize who God is and what He has done for us. It is a love for God which is so great that we would be ashamed to do anything which would displease or grieve Him, and makes us happiest when we are doing what pleases Him.”

WILLIAM BRAKEL, “Filial fear is a holy inclination of the heart, generated by God in the hearts of His children, whereby they, out of reverence for God, take careful pains not to displease God, and earnestly endeavor to please Him in all things.”

**1. What filial fear creates in the believer**

a. Creates a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God  
John 17:1-3, Psalm 25:12-14, Proverbs 3:32

b. Creates a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God  
Job 1:1, Psalm 45:6-7, 2 Timothy 2:19

c. Creates a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God  
Hebrews 12:28-29