

A MAN AND HIS FAITH



SESSION 2: FEAR OF MAN VS. FEAR OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

FEAR GRAPHIC

FEAR OF MAN DEFINITION

*Proverbs 29:25
Fearing people is a dangerous trap,
but trusting the Lord means safety.*

*Romans 3:18
They have no fear of God at all.*

3 CATEGORIES OF FEAR OF MAN

1.

Matthew 10:28

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

2.

Hebrews 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

3.

John 12:43

For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

How do we know we if we are caught in the trap of fearing man?

Summary: We fear man because we do not fear God or we do not fear Him enough.

FEAR OF GOD DEFINITION

Proverbs 9:10

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.

Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

Psalms 147:10-11

*He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse
or in human might.*

*No, the Lord's delight is in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.*

Proverbs 15:16-17

*Better to have little, with fear for the Lord,
than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.*

*A bowl of vegetables with someone you love
is better than steak with someone you hate.*

“SOUL OF GODLINESS”

How do we find the fear of God?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Do you regularly compare yourself with other people in order to feel good about yourself?

Are you tempted to deceive or exaggerate in order to get approval? Give an example.

Rank the categories of the fear of man you struggle with from most to least. Explain.

From whom do you fear rejection? How has that affected the way you live?

What do you fear will be exposed? How has that affected the way you live?

What do you need to put into practice in order to find the fear of God?