

Fear of the Lord

Study Guide
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1. Deuteronomy 10:12 tells us four things that is “all God requires.”

A. List these four things and create a definition for each that is workable For you. You may use any study aid you have available through the Internet, book form, or a teacher. Make sure it is a *working* definition.

B. The instructions for accomplishing these four things God requires are To do so with *all your heart and soul*. Discuss what this means to you And what it looks like in your life.

C. In Deuteronomy 10:12 we are told to *love Him* and we are also told to *Fear Him*. It must be possible since God requires it. He is not an Unreasonable God. Does it seem like a “conflict of interest”? How is it Possible for these to be accomplished together?

2. Like Deuteronomy 10:12, there is another scripture that *sums it all up* found in Micah 6:8.

A. How does Micah 6:8 compare or contrast with Deuteronomy 10:12?

B. Does *walk humbly with our God* compare with *fear the Lord*?

3. Proverbs 15:33 says the the *fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom*. How does the passage on wisdom in James 3:13-18 correspond to the “instruction for wisdom”?

4. Read the following list of scriptures pertaining to the fear of the Lord.
Proverbs 9:10; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; Job 28:28; and Proverbs 3:7

A. List the things the *fear of the Lord* is compared to or described as.

B. Define *evil* with a good working definition.

C. In the study of logic, this statement is used

If a=b and b=c then a=c.

Rewrite that statement using the following code

If a= fear of the Lord

If b=beginning of wisdom

And c= hate evil

D. Job 28:28 tells us that to know *the Holy One* is to depart from evil.

Since God is the Holy One and we are to know Him, what should this

Actually look like in our lives in regard to evil?

5. Proverbs 8:13 says that the fear of the Lord is to *hate evil*. That seems like such a harsh term! Proverbs 16:6 states that *by the fear of the Lord one stays away from evil*. Put these two scriptures together to discuss how *fearing the Lord is to avoid evil and* how this fear keeps one away from evil.

6. I would be very careful in the presence of those we might call “great people.” There are certain things I would refrain from doing in the president’s oval office. There is a protocol if one wishes to remain in the presence of the Queen of England! While this is a healthy reverence for them it would not be a **fear** of them. We do not have to live in a dreadful fear of the Lord, however we do need a healthy reverence for His presence in our lives. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 and discuss the reverence we should exhibit in the presence of the Lord.

7. Ecclesiastes 12:13 gives us a good conclusion. Read this scripture then rewrite it in your own words.

8. Write a paragraph discussing your thoughts on the fear of the Lord and the effects of this in your life.