

Fear of the Lord

What the FEAR OF THE LORD does to People?

Well Let's study the Blessing we have been Given!

Gen 9:2 The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority.

FEAR PLACES A BOUNDARY in domains—between humans & animals, between good & evil—for protection...

Gen 35:5 As they set out, a terror from God fell over the surrounding cities, so that they did not pursue Jacob's sons.

The first time I found it in scripture, it was for protection!

Exo 14:24 At morning watch, however, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and [**He troubled their camp (KJV)**] and **He threw their camp into confusion.**

Exo 15:16 and terror and dread will fall on them. They will be as still as a stone because of Your powerful arm until Your people pass by, Lord, until the people whom You purchased pass by.

Exo 23:27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

Deut 2:25 Starting today I will begin to instill fear and terror of you on the part of every nation under heaven who hears reports about you. They'll tremble in anguish before you."

Enemies **Chased Away by Hornets** (**for those who escape you**)

Deuteronomy 7:17-21 "You may say to yourselves, 'These nations are stronger than we are.

How can we drive them out?' But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear. Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished.

Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God"

Deut 11:25 No one will be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will instill terror and fear of you throughout the entire land wherever you go, just as he promised you.

The Blessing Covenant (**not what you would think**)

Deut 28:10 Then all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you!!!! **Favor... Part of your blessings! THEN THE REVERSE...**

Deut 28:25 "The LORD will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You'll go out against them in one direction, but you'll flee from them in seven directions. Consequently, you'll be in a state of great terror throughout all the kingdoms of the earth. **Part of the curse!**

Deuteronomy 31:12-13 "Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

Deut 34:12 no prophet who did all the signs & wonders that the LORD sent Moses to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his officials and all his land and no prophet who performed all the mighty acts of power and acts of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. [Berean & NASB]

THE PROMISE LAND

Other People *see* the Fear of the Lord

Josh 2:8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9 and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea ^a for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. *Spoken by Rahab...*

Josh 2:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land **faint** because of you.

Josh 24:12 I sent terror ahead of you to drive out before you the two Amorite kings. I gave you the victory; it was not by your swords or bows.

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell...

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

FEAR of the LORD in the Times of PROPHETS & KINGS

1 Sam 5:11 So they assembled all the leaders of the Philistines and said, "Get the ark of the God of Israel out of here! Let it go back to its own place so that it won't kill us and our people!" The terror of death was throughout the entire city; God was attacking them very severely there. *FoL makes people give back what is stolen.*

1 Sam 11:7 He took a team of oxen, cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout the land of Israel by messengers who said, "This is what will be done to the ox of anyone who doesn't march behind Saul and Samuel." As a result, the terror of the Lord fell on the people, and they went out united.

1 Sam 14:15 [Jonathan and his armor bearer] **Terror spread through the Philistine camp** and the open fields to all the troops. Even the garrison and the raiding parties were terrified. The earth shook, & terror spread from God.

1 Sam 18:12 David and Jonathan made a covenant (joy) but notice what happened to Saul...¹² **Saul was afraid of David** because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.

2 Chron 14:14 Then they attacked all the cities around Gerar because the terror of the Lord was on them. They also plundered all the cities, since there was a great deal of plunder in them.

2 Chron 17:10 The terror of the Lord was on all the kingdoms that surrounded Judah, so they didn't **fight against** Jehoshaphat.

2 Chron 19:7 And now, may the terror of the Lord be on you. Watch what you do, for there is no injustice or partiality or being paid off-- with the Lord."

PRAISE “and THE FEAR OF THE LORD”!

2 Chronicles 20: 18-19 & 22 Praise won the battle! The Lord fought on their behalf.

verse 24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. (Jehoshaphat)

²⁵ So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. ²⁶ On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD.

This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.

²⁷ Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lyres and trumpets.

²⁹ The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

³⁰ And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

FEAR of the LORD in the BOOK OF ESTHER

Esth 9:2 In each of King Ahasuerus's provinces the Jews assembled in their cities to attack those who intended to harm them. Not a single person could withstand them; terror of them fell on every nationality.

FEAR of the LORD in the PSALMS

Psa 2:11 **Serve the Lord in fear!** Repent in terror!

Psa 6:10 All my enemies will be ashamed and shake with terror; they will turn back and suddenly be disgraced.

Psa 9:20 Put terror in them, Lord; let the nations know they are only men. Selah

Psa 14:5 Then they will be filled with terror, for God is with those who are righteous.

Ps 25:12-14 (NEB) If there is any man who fears the Lord, he shall be shown the path that he should choose; he shall enjoy lasting prosperity, and his children after him shall inherit the land. The Lord confides his purposes to those who fear him, and his covenant is theirs to know.

Ps 34:9 (NEB) Fear the Lord, all you his holy people; for those who fear him lack nothing.

Chased Away by Angels

Psalm 35:5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, With the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.

Not TOUCHED by an angel but CHASED by an Angel.

Psa 47:2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared [and worshiped with awe-inspired reverence and obedience]; He is a great King over all the earth.

Psa 48:5 They looked and froze with fear; they fled in terror.

Psa 53:5 Then they will be filled with terror—terror like no other—because God will scatter the bones of those who besiege you. You will put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

FEAR of the LORD in PROVERBS

Proverbs 14:26-27 (NIV) He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

Proverb 19:23 (NEB) The fear of the Lord is life; he who is full of it will rest untouched by evil.

Proverb 28:1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

FEAR of the LORD in the PROPHETS

Isa 2:10 Go into the rocks and hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord and from His majestic splendor.

Isa 2:19 People will go into caves in the rocks and holes in the ground, away from the terror of the Lord and from His majestic splendor, when He rises to terrify the earth.

Isa 2:21 They will go into the caves of the rock and the crevices in the cliffs, away from the terror of the Lord and from His majestic splendor, when He rises to terrify the earth.

Isa 8:12 "Don't call conspiracy everything that this people calls conspiracy, and don't fear what they fear, or live in terror. The LORD of the Heavenly Armies He's the One you are to regard as holy. Let him be the One whom you fear, and let him be the one before whom you stand in terror!

Isa 10:33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

Isaiah 11:1-5 "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist." **The Son of God Himself, God with us, had the "fear of the Lord" and "His delight" is in it.**

Isa 17:14 In the evening—sudden terror! Before morning—it is gone! This is the fate of those who plunder us and the lot of those who ravage us.

Isa 19:17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

Isa 21:1 An oracle against the desert by the sea: Like storms that pass over the Negev, it comes from the desert, from the land of terror.

Isa 24:17 Panic, pit, and trap await you who dwell on the earth.

Isa 24:18 Whoever flees at the sound of panic will fall into a pit, and whoever escapes from the pit will be caught in a trap. For the windows are opened from heaven, and the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Isa 28:19 Every time it passes through, it will carry you away; it will pass through every morning—every day and every night. Only terror will cause you to understand the message.

Isa 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Isa 59:19 So they will fear the Name of the Lord from the West, And His Glory from the of the rising sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. KJV

Isa 59:19 When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him *and* put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives].
AMP CLASSIC

Jer 32:21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

TRAPPED in TERROR

Jer 48:43 Terror, pit, and trap will be used against you who live in Moab," declares the LORD.

Jer 48:44 "The one who flees from the terror will fall into a pit. And the one who comes up out of the pit will be caught in a trap. For I'll bring upon her, that is upon Moab, the time of her punishment," declares the LORD.

Daniel 5:22-30 [The fear of the Lord on Belshazzar for desecrating the holy vessels in the temple when the hand appeared on the wall writing a message.]

Zech 13:14 And it will come about on that day that **a great panic from the LORD** will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be raised against the hand of another.

NEW TESTAMENT

Gospels

Luke 1:50 "And his mercy is for those who *fear [God]* from generation to generation"

→ **Matt 14:26** When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out, "It's a ghost!" And they **screamed in terror**. They were AFRAID (literally) OF THE LORD!

Matt 17:6 On hearing this voice, the disciples fell on their faces **and were filled with terror**. (Audible voice)

Matt 27:54 As for the Captain and the soldiers who were with Him keeping guard over Jesus, when they witnessed the earthquake and the other occurrences they were filled with terror, and exclaimed, "Assuredly he was God's Son."

→ Mrk 6:49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost, and **cried out [in horror]**; (authority over water or is it gravity, sea) Walking on the sea

→ Mrk 4:41 Then they were **filled with terror**, and began to say to one another, "Who is this, then? For even wind and sea obey Him." His authority (over natural forces) filled them with Terror

Jesus' Ministry

Isaiah 11:1-5 "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is **in the fear of the Lord**... The Prophetic The Son of God Himself, God with us, had the "fear of the Lord" and "His delight" is in it.

Hebrews 5:7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of **His godly fear**

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and **godly fear**: Jesus has fear of the Lord—unusual in our thinking!

The Church and Fear of the Lord

Acts 9:31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

FEAR of the LORD at the End of Times...

Rev 11:11 But after three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and **great fear and panic fell on those** who were watching them.

Revelation 19:5-9 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and **those who fear Him**, both small and great!" And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the **sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings**, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"