

AWESTRUCK

- **Psalm 33:8 (NKJV)** – *Let all the earth FEAR THE LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world STAND IN AWE of Him.*
- So many Christians and churches are crying out for REVIVAL. But one of the biggest hindrances to seeing revival is a lack of the Fear of the Lord.
- Today, there's been an overall loss of respect for God, the people of God, and the opinion of God.
- **II Peter 3:3, 4 (NLT)** – *Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the LAST DAYS scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. ⁴ They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”*
- **QUOTE:** *Christian is not a title we wear to give us access into heaven when we die. It is a commitment to align with, agree with, and submit to Jesus even when no one else does.*
- We are called to STAND IN AWE of God.
- *Awe – a feeling of reverential respect, mixed with fear or wonder.*

Week #1 – What is THIS FEAR?

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) – *The FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 1:7 (MSG) – *Start with God—the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.*

Proverbs 9:10, 11 (NIV) – *The FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. ¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.*

Psalm 128:1 – 4 (MEV) *BLESSED is everyone who FEARS THE LORD, who walks in His ways. ² For you shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you will be happy, and it shall be well with you. ³ Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine in your house, your children like olive shoots around your table. ⁴ Behold, THIS MAN SHALL BE BLESSED WHO FEARS THE LORD.*

What is the Fear of the Lord?

It's NOT:

1. Not natural fear
2. Not demonic fear
 - **I John 4:18 (NKJV)** – *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*
 - **Hebrews 2:14, 15 (MSG)** – *Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death.*
 - **QUOTE:** *Jesus's sacrifice and the Father's love have delivered us from every form of demonic fear. I will fear NO EVIL, because God is with me!!*
3. Not a religious fear
 - **Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV)** – *Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men.*
4. Not the Fear of Man

- **Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)** – *Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.*

The Fear of the Lord is an ATTITUDE (Has 3 Components)

1. Reverence for God – *expression of deep respect, love, and adoration.*
 - **Genesis 42:18 (NLT)** – *On the third day Joseph said to them, “I AM A GOD-FEARING MAN. If you do as I say, you will live.*
 - **QUOTE:** *Our respect and reverence for God drives us to do what is right because it’s right, even when no one else is standing on the same side with us.*
2. Obedience to God – quickly and completely complying with the known will of God.
3. Hatred for Evil
 - **Proverbs 8:13 (NIV)** – *To fear the Lord is to hate evil...*
 - *Evil (Heb.) – adversity, affliction, calamity, misery, sorrow, & moral badness.*
 - **QUOTE:** *When I hate evil, I can’t agree with it despite the racial, political, or familial implications.*