

No Fear of God

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[Psalms 36:1](#) To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD. The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

[Romans 3:18](#) There is no fear of God before their eyes.

[Genesis 20:11](#) And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

- I. There is a common thread among all the different ways that Satan works to take away the effectiveness of the gospel.
 - A. If you listen to people like Joel Osteen and all the word of faith preachers, you will hear nothing but positive messages of affirmation for everyone.
 - B. No one is condemned for anything, because, after all, we are all the same - just sinners.
 - C. Everyone is encouraged and reassured that God loves them and that no matter what they do or how they live God will be with them.
 - D. God is nothing but kind and giving and He never runs out of patience and will always put up with whatever you do, and then take to you heaven, too.
 - E. If you listen to the easy-believism gospel you will find basically the same beliefs, just stated in different terms.
 - F. Just about all religion when analyzed and reduced down to the basic common denominator does the same basic thing:
 1. It removes the fear of God from the minds and hearts of the people.
 2. They live in a realm of false confidence that God will put up with them forever, no matter how they treat Him.
 3. They do not believe in a God that would judge sin or punish anyone.
 - G. To cause a person not to fear God is a very evil thing.
 - H. To cause a person to not fear sin is to cause them to not fear God.
 1. God punishes sin, so if a person comes to believe that they can sin and get away with it, then they have come to a place where they have no fear of God.
 - I. This is what is happening all around us and this is a big part of the reason that we are seeing so many people, young and old, forsake the ways of God and plunge off into gross sin.
 - J. Somehow they have come to believe that it does not matter and that whatever the consequences are they can be fixed very easily.
 - K. But the effects and consequences of sin cannot be fixed so easily.
 1. Sin can be forgiven but its effects cannot be reversed.
 2. The murdered person is still dead, the baby born out of wedlock is still alive, and the diseases and scars from the drugs are still in your body.
 3. The memory will still contain scenes of the vile and wicked things you have done and will pull them up before your mind at random times from now on.
 - L. All the true results of sin are neglected and not talked about and warned about, so people come to believe that fixing sin is as simple as asking God to forgive you and everything is back to zero again.

- II. To represent God properly is a hard task for all of us.
- A. For a preacher it is especially hard to maintain the right balance between the love, mercy, and longsuffering of God and the wrath and judgement of God.
 - B. We must preach a gospel that offers forgiveness and redemption and salvation.
 - C. Without that we have nothing to tell or to offer.
 - D. We must comfort and encourage and edify one another by teaching that God is good and He will forgive and redeem our lives from destruction.
 - E. He DID come to bind up our wounds, heal the brokenhearted, and set the prisoners free.
 - F. We need a lot of that, but it is poison to our souls if that is all we get.
 - G. How did we get to be wounded, brokenhearted, and in bondage?
 - 1. That part of the problem has to be dealt with, too.
 - H. We must never leave off the warning about the consequences of sin and the judgement of God that we all face one day.

- III. But how do we keep the fear of God before the minds of people while holding out the offer of forgiveness?

- A. We must not ever make sin a light matter.

[Proverbs 14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.](#)

- B. We must not ever ignore sin and pretend that there are no consequences.
- C. We must always remind ourselves and others that we will one day stand before God and give account of all that we have done in this body.
- D. We must not identify with, sympathize with, or agree with sin in any way.
 - 1. This is to make it a light matter and it takes away the fear of it before God.
- E. We must not give the impression that Jesus is not offended with sin.
 - 1. Many do this by believing doctrines that make God the Father condemning and Jesus forgiving.
- F. We must always look at the long view of sin and what it leads to and produces.
 - 1. We cannot always see the horrible results of sin soon after it is committed, but they appear later.