

## The Lord's Treasure: The Fear of the LORD יִרְאַת יְהוָה ;

A Important Exposition for the Kingdom Army

### I. INTRODUCTION: The Lost Treasure

There is a treasure hidden in plain sight. It is mentioned throughout Scripture, promised to the righteous, and celebrated by the angels. Yet most believers walk past it every day without recognizing what they are ignoring. The fear of the LORD is that treasure. **Isaiah 33:6**

**BHS:** וְהָיָה אֱמוּנַת עַתִּידָהּ חֶסֶד וְשׂוֹעַת חֲכָמַת וְדַעַת יִרְאַת יְהוָה הִיא אוֹצָרוֹ

*And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.* **Isaiah 33:6 KJV:**

The word for “*treasure*” here is **heb. אוֹצָר (otzar)** — a storehouse, a treasury, a place where valuables are kept. The fear of the Lord is not merely a virtue. It is a vault containing everything else. Open it, and you find wisdom, knowledge, stability, salvation, strength and more.

Yet most people are competent in every worldly task while remaining spiritual paupers before God. Why? Because the enemy knows that the fear of the Lord is the key to your inheritance. He will do everything to keep you from it. This is why many bibles have changed or mistranslated this idea. If you have heard of this idea and dismissed it or ignored it and this describes you — repent. Decide again.

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Key Hebrew term: **יִרְאַת יְהוָה (yirat YHWH)** — “the Fear of the LORD.” The construct form **יִרְאַת (yirat)** indicates possession: the fear that belongs to the LORD and is directed toward Him.

Cross-reference: Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10, Job 28:28, Psalm 111:10

**Reflection question:** What have I been seeking more earnestly than the fear of the Lord?

### II. FOUNDATIONAL VERSE

The teaching on the Lord's Treasure rests on this single declaration.

#### BHS:

לֹא־יִמוּשׁ סֵפֶר הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה מִפִּיךָ וְהִגִּיתָ בוֹ יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה לְמַעַן תִּשְׁמַר לַעֲשׂוֹת כְּכֹל־הַפְּתוּב בּוֹ כִּי־אֲזַ תִּצְלִיחַ אֶת־דְּרָכְךָ וְאֲזַ תִּשְׁכַּל

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8 KJV:*

The condition for the treasure of prosperity and success is involvement and meditation on God's Word. And one of the first fruits of that meditation is the understanding of the fear of the Lord. You cannot have one without the other.

### **III. WHAT THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS NOT**

Before we can embrace the true fear of the Lord, we must identify and clear away the counterfeits. There are three primary impostors.

#### **A. It Is Not Natural Fear**

Natural fear causes us to shrink. It paralyzes. It doubts.

**NA28** καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· τί δειλοὶ ἐστε, ὀλιγόπιστοι; τότε ἐγερθεὶς ἐπέτιμησεν τοῖς ἀνέμοις καὶ τῇ θαλάσῃ, καὶ ἐγένετο γαλήνη μεγάλη.

*And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. Matthew 8:26 KJV:*

The disciples were much afraid of the storm. That is natural fear. Jesus rebuked it. The fear of the Lord is not fear that makes you flee. It is the fear that makes you stand.

#### **B. It Is Not the Fear of Man**

The fear of man is a snare. It traps you in the opinions of others and chains you to their approval.

**BHS:** חֲרַדַּת אָדָם יִתֵּן מוֹקֵשׁ וּבֹיטֵחַ בֵּיתָהּ יִשְׁגָּב

*The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. Proverbs 29:25 KJV:*

The true fear of the Lord delivers you from the fear of man. When you fear God rightly, no human opinion can intimidate you. **Isaiah 29:13** warns against those who honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him, teaching “*the commandments of men.*” The fear of the Lord is the spiritual antidote to religious hypocrisy.

**WAR ROOM:** Whose opinion owns you? Name the person. Now repent of fearing them more than God.

### **C. It Is Not Demonic Fear**

Demonic fear is tormenting fear. This comes from the enemy to paralyze and destroy.

οὐ γὰρ ἔδωκεν ἡμῖν ὁ θεὸς πνεῦμα δειλίας ἀλλὰ δυνάμεως καὶ ἀγάπης καὶ σωφρονισμοῦ.

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**2 Timothy 1:7 KJV:**

φόβος οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ, ἀλλ' ἡ τελεία ἀγάπη ἔξω βάλλει τὸν φόβον, ὅτι ὁ φόβος κόλασιν ἔχει, ὁ δὲ φοβούμενος οὐ τετελείωται ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ.

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.* **1 John 4:18 KJV:**

The Fear of the Lord is not this dark spirit of fear. It is the end of fear. It casts out every lesser terror by anchoring you in the One who is truly terrifying in His holiness and gracious in His mercy. Even Moses trembled at Mount Sinai.

καί, οὕτω φοβερὸν ἦν τὸ φανταζόμενον, Μωϋσῆς εἶπεν· ἔκφοβός εἰμι καὶ ἔντρομος.

*And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake.* **Hebrews 12:21 KJV:**

Moses trembled — not because he was afraid of punishment or physical hurt, but because he was in the presence of absolute holiness. That trembling is the beginning of Wisdom.

### **FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Cross-reference: Isaiah 8:12-13 — “*Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.*”

Greek word study: φόβος (phobos) in 2 Timothy 1:7 vs. φόβος in 1 Peter 2:17 (“Fear God”). Same word, different object. Context determines meaning.

**Reflection question:** Which three counterfeit fears has the strongest grip on my life?

## **IV. WHAT THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS**

Three key words define the Fear of the Lord:

#### **A. Awe**

Awe is our reaction to majesty, power, glory, might, and holiness. It is what you feel when you stand at the edge of the Grand Canyon or gaze at the starry heavens — except infinitely more. It is the recognition that you are quite small and He is extremely great

#### **B. Reverence**

Reverence is the response to a revelation of God. When you see who He is, you respond with worship. You do not casually approach the King. You, bend, bow and are prostrate.

#### **C. Submissiveness**

The pure Fear of the Lord produces a submissive, wise attitude toward God. It never argues with Him. It does not negotiate. It says, *“Not my will, but Thine.”*

Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac (**Genesis 31:53**). What Jacob feared was his God. What you fear most is your god. If you fear people’s opinion, poverty, or disease — those are your gods. The question is: Will you Fear the LORD? Is He your God?

#### **FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Hebrew word study: יִרְאָה (yir’ah) — can mean *“fear,” “terror,” or “reverence”* depending on context. The object determines the quality.

Greek word study: *εὐλάβεια (eulabeia)* in Hebrews 12:28 — *“reverence, caution, devout fear.”*

**Reflection question:** Does my life demonstrate awe, reverence, and submission — or casual familiarity with the Almighty?

## **V. THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT**

The fear of the Lord is the seventh aspect of the Spirit that rested upon the Messiah.

**(BHS):**

וְנָחָה עָלָיו רוּחַ יְהוָה רוּחַ חֵכְמָה וּבִינָה רוּחַ עֲצָה וּגְבוּרָה רוּחַ דַּעַת וְיִרְאַת יְהוָה

*And 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.*

**Isaiah 11:1-2 KJV:**

The Fear of the Lord is not an Old Testament relic but a living, vital, eternal power. It is the fiery, pure Spirit that anointed Yeshua Himself. If He walked in it, so must we.

## VI. THE NATURE OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

### BHS:

יְרֵאת יְהוָה טְהוֹרָה עוֹמֶדֶת לְעַד מִשְׁפָּטֵי יְהוָה אֱמֶת צְדָקוֹ יִהְיֶה

*The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.* **Psalm 19:9 (KJV):**

The fear of the Lord is pure (טהורה — tehorah). It purifies. It cleans, it cleanses and it endures forever. There is never a time in an hour, day, month, year or century when the fear of the Lord ceases to be relevant. It is eternal and infinite, above time.

## VII. THE TEN TREASURES OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the Lord is not a single blessing. It is a vault containing many blessings of treasure.

### 1. Teaching and Guidance

The Holy Spirit teaches us the fear of the Lord. It is the key to a long and prosperous life, seen in our speech, actions, and desires.

(BHS):

לְכוּ-בָנִים שְׁמְעוּ-לִי יְרֵאת יְהוָה אֲלַמְדְּכֶם מִי־הָאִישׁ הַחֹפֵץ חַיִּים אֲהַב יָמִים לְרֵאוֹת טוֹב נָצַר לְשׁוֹנֵה מִרַע וּשְׁפָתָיו מִדְּבַר מְרֻמָּה סוּר מִרַע וַעֲשֵׂה־טוֹב בְּקוֹשׁ שְׁלוֹם וְרַדְפֵהוּ

*Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the **fear of the LORD**. What man is he that desireth **life**, and loveth **many days**, that he may see **good**? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.* **Psalm 34:11-14 KJV:**

The fear of the Lord is teachable and requires discipline over the tongue, speech, etc, but You must be willing to learn.

**Confrontation:** In what area of your life are you most resistant to being taught? That is where pride lives. And where pride lives, the fear of the Lord cannot enter.

### 2. Answered Prayer

Refusing the fear of the Lord has a consequence: God does not answer when called , but with Fear of the Lord, your prayers are answered.

**(BHS):**

וּתְפַרְעוּ כָּל־עֲצָתִי וְתוֹכַחְתִּי לֹא אֲבִיתֶם גַּם־אֲנִי בְּאִדְכֶם אֲשַׁחֵק אֲלֵעַג בְּבֹא פְהַדְכֶם בְּבֹא כְשׁוֹאָה פְהַדְכֶם וְאִדְכֶם  
כְּסוּפָה יֵאָתֶה בְּבֹא עֲלֵיכֶם צָרָה וְצוּקָה אִזּוּ יִקְרָאֲנִי וְלֹא אֶעֱנֶה יִשְׁתַּרְנְנִי וְלֹא יִמְצָאֲנִי תַחַת כִּי־שָׁנְאוּ דַעַת וַיִּרְאֹת  
יְהוָה לֹא בָחַרוּ

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*But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did **not choose the fear of the LORD.***                   **Proverbs 1:25-33 KJV**

The fear of the Lord is a choice. Those who reject it forfeit the privilege of being heard and answered.

**WAR ROOM:** Have you been praying and hearing nothing? Look at your fear. Have you chosen the fear of the Lord — or the fear of something else?

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**Transition to Treasure 3:** And if your prayers are heard, you must have the knowledge to pray rightly. This leads to our third treasure.

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**3. True Knowledge** - The fear of the Lord is the foundation of all true knowledge.

**BHS:** יִרְאֵת יְהוָה רֵאשִׁית דַּעַת חֲכָמָה וּמוֹסָר אֲוִילִים בָּז

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*The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*                   **Proverbs 1:7 KJV:**

Without the fear of the Lord, you cannot know anything truly. You may have information, but you lack true spirit knowledge **דַּעַת** — **da'at**. It is the entry requirement for the Kingdom.

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**4. True Wisdom** - True wisdom is impossible without the fear of the Lord.

**BHS:** וַיֹּאמֶר לְאָדָם הֵן יִרְאֵת אֲדֹנָי הִיא חֲכָמָה וְסוּר מֵרַע בִּינָה

*And unto man he said, Behold, the Fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*

**Job 28:28 KJV:**

Wisdom is not IQ. It is not education. There are many educated fools. Wisdom is the fear of the Lord expressed in a life of understanding that departs from evil.

**Confrontation:** You want wisdom? Then stop being wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord. Depart from evil. That is the curriculum.

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**Transition to Treasure 5:** Wisdom is not abstract. It manifests in the body. Which brings us to healing.

**5. Health and Healing-** The fear of the Lord is medicine for your body.

(BHS): אֶל־תְּהִי חָכָם בְּעֵינֶיךָ יִרְאֵ אֶת־יְהוָה וְסוּר מִרַע רָפְאוֹת תְּהִי לְשִׁרְךָ וְשִׁקּוּי לְעַצְמוֹתֶיךָ

*Be not wise in thine own eyes: **Fear the LORD**, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.*

**Proverbs 3:7-8 KJV:**

Pride leaves no room for the fear of the Lord — and no room for healing. Humility and the fear of the Lord together bring physical wholeness.

**Confrontation:** You want healing? Stop being wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord. Depart from evil. The medicine is right there. Are you taking it?

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**Transition to Treasure 6:** Healed and whole, you are ready for the next treasure: prosperity. But not just the world's kind.

**6. Prosperity and Security -** God leads those who Fear Him into prosperity.

(BHS): מִי־זֶה הָאִישׁ יִרְאֵ יְהוָה יִרְנֹו בְדַרְךָ יִבְחָר נַפְשׁוֹ בְּטוֹב תָּלִין וְזָרְעוֹ יִירֶשׁ אֶרֶץ

*What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall  **dwell in ease [good];** and his seed shall inherit the earth.* **Psalm 25:12-13 KJV:**

Prosperity in Scripture is not merely material. It is the soul dwelling at ease, in good — secure, satisfied, and guided by God.

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**Transition to Treasure 7:** But prosperity without intimacy is empty. The fear of the Lord gives you access deep meaning, to God's secrets.

## 7. Secrets of the Covenant- God shares His secrets with those who fear Him.

סוד יהוה ליראיו ובריתו להודיעם **BH:**

*The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

**Psalm 25:14 KJV:**

The word סוד (sod) means “*counsel, secret, intimate circle.*” The Fear of the Lord brings you into God’s inner circle. He reveals His covenant — His marriage bond — only to those who fear Him. Without it, you are not a friend of God.

**Reflection question:** Do you long to know God’s secrets? What is blocking you from intimacy with Him?

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Transition to Treasure 8: Intimacy with God extends your days. The fear of the Lord prolongs life.

## 8. Long Life -The fear of the Lord prolongs your days.

יראת יהוה תוסיף ימים ושנות רשעים תקצרנה (BHS):

*The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*

**Proverbs 10:27 (KJV):**

This is not a magic formula. It is a principle: wisdom, humility, and the fear of God produce a life of fewer destructive choices, added days of productivity and greater divine protection.

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Transition to Treasure 9:

Long life needs strength and backbone to endure. The fear of the Lord provides it.

## 9. Strength and True Confidence - The fear of the Lord gives you strength and provides refuge for your children.

ביראת יהוה מבטח-עז ולבניו יהיה מקום (BHS):

*In the Fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.*

**Proverbs 14:26 (KJV):**

The fear of the Lord is the remedy for every other fear. It produces **heb. מִבְּטַח-עוֹז** *mivtach oz* — a confidence that is strong, a fortress of trust. And it even extends to your children.

**WAR ROOM:** What fear is robbing you of confidence today? Bring it before the fear of the Lord. Let His presence burn it away.

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Transition to Treasure 10:

And finally, all of this leads to life itself — secure, satisfied, protected.

**10. Life, Security, and Protection** - The fear of the Lord leads to life, satisfaction, and safety from evil.

יִרְאַת יְהוָה לְחַיִּים וְשָׂבַע יָלִין בְּלִי-יִפְקֹד רָע BHS:

*The fear of the LORD tendeth to **life**: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. Proverbs 19:23 KJV:*

Not merely survival, but satisfaction. Not merely safety, but immunity from the evil that visits the wicked. This is the promise.

**VIII. BONUS: THE CURE FOR PRIDE** - The **Fear of the Lord and Humility** are bound together. You cannot have one without the other. And together, they unlock the final treasure.

עֲקֹב עֲנֹנָה יִרְאַת יְהוָה עֶשְׂרֵה וְכָבוֹד וְחַיִּים (BHS):

*By humility and the fear of the LORD are **riches**, and **honour**, and **life**. Proverbs 22:4 (KJV):*

The consequence (עֲקֹב — eikev) of humility is the fear of the Lord. And the fruit of that fear is riches, honor, and life. Not just the world's riches. God's. Not just the world's honor. His. Not just mere mortal existence. Eternal life.

**IX. CONCLUSION: THE CHOICE**

The fear of the Lord is not a feeling. It is a choice. You cannot drift into it. You must decide. Every day, every moment, you choose what you will fear — the opinions of men, the threats of the enemy, the uncertainty of the future — or the LORD.

The fear of the Lord is a treasure. But like all treasures, it must be sought.

יִרְאַת יְהוָה טְהוֹרָה עוֹמֶדֶת לְעַד מִשְׁפָּטֵי יְהוָה אֱמֶת צְדָקוֹ יִתְדוּ

*The fear of the LORD is **clean**, enduring for ever. Psalm 19:9 (KJV):*

It will never expire. It will never lose its value. It is the one treasure that cannot be stolen, corrupted, or devalued. Do you want it? Then choose it Now.

## **X. The Fear of the LORD יִרְאַת יְהוָה TEN BLESSINGS AT A GLANCE:**

**1. Teaching and Guidance — הוֹרָאָה וְהִדְרָכָה — The Holy Spirit teaches the fear of the Lord to those who will listen, guiding them into a long and prosperous life. Psalm 34:11-14**

**2. Answered Prayer — עֲנִיית תְּפִלָּה — Those who choose the fear of the Lord are heard when they call; those who reject it are not. Proverbs 1:25-33**

**3. True Knowledge — דַּעַת אֱמֶת — The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; without it, you cannot know anything truly. Proverbs 1:7**

**4. True Wisdom — תְּכֻמָּה אֲמִתִּית — The fear of the Lord is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding. Job 28:28**

**5. Health and Healing — רְפוּאָה וּמְרִפָּא — The fear of the Lord is medicine to your body, bringing health to your navel and marrow to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8**

**6. Prosperity and Security — שְׁלוֹם וּבִטְחוֹן — The soul of the one who fears the Lord dwells at ease, and his seed inherits the earth. Psalm 25:12-13**

**7. Secrets of the Covenant — סוּד הַבְּרִית — The Lord shares His intimate counsel and reveals His covenant to those who fear Him. Psalm 25:14**

**8. Long Life — אָרְךְ יָמִים — The fear of the Lord prolongs days; the years of the wicked are shortened. Proverbs 10:27**

**9. Strength and True Confidence — עֹז וּבִטְחוֹן — The fear of the Lord gives strong confidence and provides a place of refuge for your children. Proverbs 14:26**

**10. Life, Security, and Protection — חַיִּים, שְׂבֵעַ וְשְׁלוֹם — The fear of the Lord leads to life, satisfaction, and safety from evil. Proverbs 19:23**

**Bonus: The Cure for Pride — תְּרוּפָה לְגִאווָה — Humility leads to the fear of the Lord, and together they unlock riches, honor, and life. Proverbs 22:4**

*Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. — Revelation 14:7 KJV*

### CONNECTING THE TREASURES:

This teaching is a companion to “**The Seven Rewards of Humility: A War Briefing for the King’s Army.**”

**Proverbs 22:4** binds them together: humility leads to the fear of the Lord, and the fear of the Lord leads to riches, honor, and life. Read both. Practice both.

### PRAYER

Dear God, help me choose the fear of the LORD. Break the grip of every other fear in my life. Teach me to stand in awe of Your holiness, to bow in reverence before Your throne, and to submit to Your will in all things. I want the treasure. I want the reward of Christ.

Open my eyes to see Your glory, and let the fear of the LORD be my foundation, my strength, and my joy. In the name of Yeshua, who feared You perfectly and loved me completely. Amen.

AMEN. AMEN.

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