

## Word Study February 2009

### WHOM SHALL WE FEAR?

*It would seem that no matter how many times it is plainly stated in the Word of God that we are to 'fear the LORD'... we just can't quite bring ourselves to do it. We have endless reasons 'why'... and will go to great lengths to 'justify' our reasoning, but in the end ... carnal reasoning prevails most of the time. The Word does declare that 'God is love.' I did a word search on - God is love - actually, I could only find one verse; 1*

*John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love... the other 19 have to do with our loving God, loving one another, his requirement that we be obedient in order to reap the rewards of His love towards us. (See notes at end).*



*Our carnally motivated, humanistic thinking revels in the whole 'God loves me so much, I can act like a spoiled brat and get away with it' mindset that is so prevalent in the world today. What is our excuse for our failure to take to heart the over 200 verses that speak of our need to genuinely, fear the Lord. At the same time we refuse to 'fear the Lord' as commanded ... we go overboard on crediting the enemy, Satan, the Devil, with all the qualities of being like unto God ... and him, we fear. Go figure. Since the scriptures contain the mysteries of God, we need to search them over, and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to give us the much needed understanding of them, that we may be found holding the 'right attitude' before God and man. By no means is this a complete listing of all the verses in the Bible on this subject, it is however, enough to open our eyes as to where God has put the emphasis... the WORD speaks for itself.*

1Sa 12:24 *Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.*

Lev 19:14 *Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.*

Lev 19:32 *Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.*

Lev 25:17 *Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.*

Deu 4:10 *Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.*

Deu 6:2 *That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and*

thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to *do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always*, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

Deu 8:6 *Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.*

Deu 10:12 *And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,*

Deu 10:20 *Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.*

Deu 13:4 *Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.*

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that *he may learn to fear the LORD his God*, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Jos 4:24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: *that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.*

Jos 24:14 *Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth:* and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

1Sa 12:24 Only *fear the LORD, and serve him in truth* with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

2Ki 17:36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, *him shall ye fear*, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

2Ki 17:39 But *the LORD your God ye shall fear*; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

2Ch 19:7 Wherefore now *let the fear of the LORD be upon you*; take heed and do *it*: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Isa 8:13 *Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.*

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: *if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?*

Mal 3:5 *And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.*

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, *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.

Rev 15:4 *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?* for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Rev 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, *Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*

### **Thou Shalt Not Fear**

2Ki 17:35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, *Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:*

Deu 3:22 *Ye shall not fear them*: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

Jos 10:8 And the *LORD* said unto Joshua, *Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.*

2Ki 17:35 With whom the *LORD* had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, *Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:*

Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the *LORD*, and said, *Doth Job fear God for nought?*

Isa 29:13 Wherefore the *Lord* said, *Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

Jer 2:19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: *know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the *LORD* thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the *Lord* *GOD* of hosts.*

### **What Happens As a Result of Fearing the *LORD*, or Not?**

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the *LORD* came unto Abram in a vision, saying, *Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

Gen 26:24 And the *LORD* appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: *fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.*

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, *Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the *LORD*, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.*

Lev 19:2-4 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Ye shall be holy: for I the *LORD* your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the *LORD* your God. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the *LORD* your God.*

Num 14:9 *Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.*

Deu 11:25 *There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.*

Deu 28:58-63 *If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.*

Deu 31:6 *Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

2Ch 20:17 *Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.*

Job 28:28 *And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*

Psa 2:11 *Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

Psa 9:20 *Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.*

Psa 22:23 *Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.*

*Psa 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

*Psa 27:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Psa 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*

*Psa 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;*

*Psa 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*

*Psa 34:9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.*

*Psa 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.*

*Psa 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.*

*Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*

*Psa 115:11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.*

*Psa 115:13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.*

*Psa 147:11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.*

*Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

*Pro 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.*

Pro 8:13 *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

Pro 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

Pro 15:33 *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.*

Pro 16:6 *By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.*

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

Isa 11:2-3 *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; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

Mat 10:28 *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Our Lord was not referencing the devil here).*

Luk 1:50 *And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.*

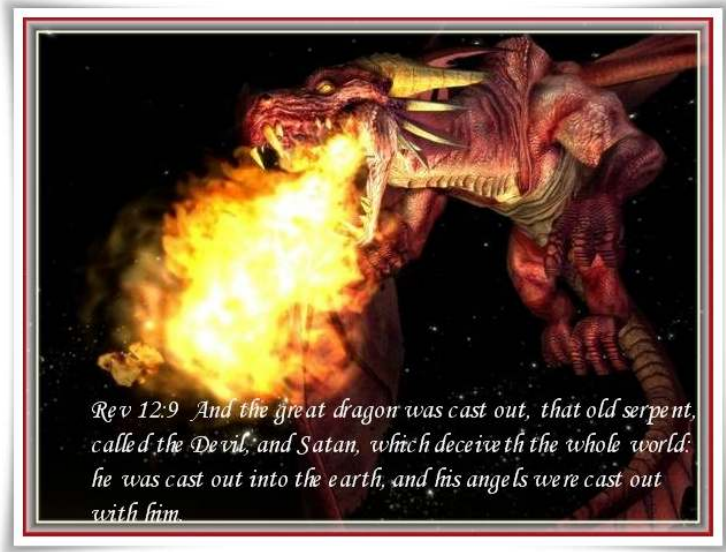
Luk 1:74 *To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly.*

Luk 12:5 *But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

## Devil – Afraid

Mar 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.



*It is true that we are no match for the devil, in our own strength. However, he is limited... by GOD... in how far he can go when it comes to the child of God that is walking humbly, in obedience. The 'enemy' can only tempt and entice us by means of our 'Flesh.' This includes our intellect, our lusts, our desires for the things of this world. If we remain steadfastly focused on God, daily crucifying our flesh, then there is no avenue open to him, he is defeated as long as we are crucified with Christ.*

## Roaring Lion

(Job 4:10) The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

(Psa 22:13) They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

(Pro 19:12) The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

(Pro 20:2) The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.

(Pro 28:15) As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

(Isa 5:29) Their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*.

(Isa 31:4) For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.



(Eze 22:25) There *is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

(1Pe 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

*Roaring lions can make a lot of noise, and sound frightening, but considering the FACT that the LORD GOD is in the one in control, not the devil, we need to decide once and for all, "just who are we going to fear?"*

## Word Search – God is love

(Deu 7:9) Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

(Deu 30:20) That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

(Ecc 9:1) For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them.

(Mic 6:8) He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

(Zep 3:17) The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

(Mar 12:30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

(Rom 5:5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

(Rom 8:39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(1Co 2:9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

(1Co 8:3) But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

(Eph 2:4) But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

(Heb 6:10) For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

(1Jn 2:5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

(1Jn 4:7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

(1Jn 4:8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

(1Jn 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

(1Jn 4:12) No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

(1Jn 4:16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

(1Jn 4:20) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

(1Jn 5:3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.