

Scriptures Commanding or Commending Fear of God

¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
Leviticus 19:14 (ESV)

³² “You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.
Leviticus 19:32 (ESV)

¹⁷ You shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God, for I am the LORD your God.
Leviticus 25:17 (ESV)

² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.
Deuteronomy 6:2 (ESV)

¹³ It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.
Deuteronomy 6:13 (ESV)

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 we are this day.
Deuteronomy 6:24 (ESV)

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
Deuteronomy 10:12 (ESV)

²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.
Deuteronomy 10:20 (ESV)

⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.
Deuteronomy 13:4 (ESV)

²³ And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.
Deuteronomy 14:23 (ESV)

¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,
Deuteronomy 17:19 (ESV)

⁵⁸ “If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God,
Deuteronomy 28:58 (ESV)

¹² Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law,
Deuteronomy 31:12 (ESV)

¹³ 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 that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”
Deuteronomy 31:13 (ESV)

²⁴ so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”
Joshua 4:24 (ESV)

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.
Joshua 24:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well.
1 Samuel 12:14 (ESV)

²⁴ Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.
1 Samuel 12:24 (ESV)

²⁸ So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel and taught them how they should fear the LORD.
2 Kings 17:28 (ESV)

³⁶ but you shall fear the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm. You shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice.
2 Kings 17:36 (ESV)

³⁹ but you shall fear the LORD your God, and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.”
2 Kings 17:39 (ESV)

⁷ Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes.”
2 Chronicles 19:7 (ESV)

⁹ And he charged them: “Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, in faithfulness, and with your whole heart:

2 Chronicles 19:9 (ESV)

⁵ He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:5 (ESV)

¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:11 (ESV)

²⁸ And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

Job 28:28 (ESV)

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:11 (ESV)

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Psalms 15:4 (ESV)

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psalms 19:9 (ESV)

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Psalms 22:23 (ESV)

¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Psalms 25:14 (ESV)

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Psalms 33:8 (ESV)

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Psalms 33:18 (ESV)

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Psalms 34:7 (ESV)

⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
Psalm 34:9 (ESV)

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Psalm 34:11 (ESV)

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
Psalm 40:3 (ESV)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
Psalm 86:11 (ESV)

¹⁵ Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
Psalm 102:15 (ESV)

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
Psalm 103:13 (ESV)

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
Psalm 103:17 (ESV)

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!
Psalm 111:10 (ESV)

¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.
Psalm 115:11 (ESV)

¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.
Psalm 115:13 (ESV)

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
Psalm 118:4 (ESV)

²⁰ O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
Psalm 135:20 (ESV)

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
Psalm 147:11 (ESV)

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)

⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
Proverbs 3:7 (ESV)

¹³ The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.
Proverbs 8:13 (ESV)

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)

²⁷ The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.
Proverbs 10:27 (ESV)

²⁶ In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.
Proverbs 14:26 (ESV)

²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.
Proverbs 14:27 (ESV)

¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.
Proverbs 15:16 (ESV)

³³ The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
Proverbs 15:33 (ESV)

⁶ By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.
Proverbs 16:6 (ESV)

²³ The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.
Proverbs 19:23 (ESV)

⁴ The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.
Proverbs 22:4 (ESV)

¹⁷ Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.
Proverbs 23:17 (ESV)

²¹ My son, fear the LORD and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise,
Proverbs 24:21 (ESV)

¹³ But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Isaiah 8:13 (ESV)

⁶ and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

Isaiah 33:6 (ESV)

¹⁹ So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

Isaiah 59:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and did not the LORD relent of the disaster that he had pronounced against them? But we are about to bring great disaster upon ourselves.”

Jeremiah 26:19 (ESV)

⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 3:5 (ESV)

⁹ And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Jonah 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ The voice of the LORD cries to the city— and it is sound wisdom to fear your name: “Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

Micah 6:9 (ESV)

¹⁷ they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of the earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they shall turn in dread to the LORD our God, and they shall be in fear of you.

Micah 7:17 (ESV)

² O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

Habakkuk 3:2 (ESV)

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV)

¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”
Genesis 22:12 (ESV)

¹⁸ On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God:
Genesis 42:18 (ESV)

²¹ Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.
Exodus 18:21 (ESV)

³⁶ Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live beside you.
Leviticus 25:36 (ESV)

⁴³ You shall not rule over him ruthlessly but shall fear your God.
Leviticus 25:43 (ESV)

⁹ So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?
Nehemiah 5:9 (ESV)

¹⁵ The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God.
Nehemiah 5:15 (ESV)

⁵ For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
Psalm 61:5 (ESV)

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
Psalm 66:16 (ESV)

¹⁴ I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.
Ecclesiastes 3:14 (ESV)

⁷ For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.
Ecclesiastes 5:7 (ESV)

¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.
Ecclesiastes 8:12 (ESV)

¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.
Ecclesiastes 8:13 (ESV)

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.
Ecclesiastes 12:13 (ESV)

¹ Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)

¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.
1 Peter 2:17 (ESV)

⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."
Revelation 14:7 (ESV)

⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."
Revelation 19:5 (ESV)