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FEAR, LOVE, AND HONOR GOD

“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 and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”
(Deuteronomy 10:12)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God's Will</i>	A reverential fear regards God's will as greater than our own. Loving God requires us to seek a deeper relationship with Him. Learn to honor God when emboldened by the spirit and with a deeper understanding of Him.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is a fearful, loving, and honorable God.
<i>Good Works</i>	Learn how to identify and lay aside desires that draw us away from God. Practice fearing, loving, and honoring God through small actions in our lives.

Introduction

God has given us a great capacity for love and honor, and the fears that we have help us to live wisely. Unfortunately, when these feelings are misdirected, they can lead to idolatry and sin.

A. The Fear, Love, and Honor of God

There are three basic reasons we should fear, love, and honor God:

- God Himself is fearful, so He is worthy of our fear (Heb 10:31; Rev 14:7).
- God Himself is loving, and worthy of our love (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8).
- God is our Creator, and deserves our honor (Mal 1:6; 1 Tim 1:17).

When we know and remember how much God has given us, including the salvation that He has the power to offer us, it is easier to understand why we must afford God such respect. Moreover, God gave us the perfect example of how to do so in Jesus Christ.

B. Fearing God

We can have a better understanding of what it means to “fear” God by examining Jesus’ example in the Bible (Mt 26:38–42). He foresaw how dreadful His impending death would be, and asked God if the cup could be taken from Him. But because of His fear of God, He remained obedient, and He willingly sacrificed Himself. God’s will was more important to Jesus than anything else, including His own life.

C. Loving God

Loving God is a two-way street. God desires that we abide in His presence, so that He can abide in us! Jesus demonstrated this mutual relationship throughout His life. He loved His Father eagerly, so He gladly carried out His purpose. His entire life was anchored in what God wanted Him to do (Jn 14:31). If we remain in God’s presence, and let God’s love fill us daily, God will show us how to love Him back.

D. Honoring God

To honor something means placing a special emphasis on something that we love. We all tend to do this for many things in our lives, but God deserves our honor above all of these (Mal 1:6). Jesus Christ had every opportunity to turn away from His duty, but He still prioritized God’s glory over His own humiliation, suffering, and death. We can only accomplish the same if we are emboldened by the Holy Spirit and have a better understanding of God (Acts 5:29).

Life Application

1. *Overcoming Our Desires*
2. *Practice Through Positive Action*

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Lesson 1 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Deuteronomy 10:12):

1. What does God require of His children? What has God promised if we do so?
2. “But that the _____ may know that I _____ the _____, and as the _____ gave Me _____, so I _____. [...]” (John 14:31)
3. Explain in your own words what it means to fear God according to the Bible.
4. What is a prerequisite to being able to love God?
5. For each day of the week, write down at least one new thing that you did to show your fear, love, or honor towards God. Use the plans and actions that we discussed during class to help you along.

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