

30th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is **THE FEAR OF GOD**

Did you ever stand in amazement looking on the shore of a beach that seemed to stretch out for miles. You may have been viewing from a beach or a nearby cliff.

You notice small dots on the water that are bobbing like dry leaves on a great lake. You may have been out on a boat or a ship in your life time and fear overcame you as you saw the endless ocean stirred by great waves, rising high above the water’s surface. At that moment you may

have experienced fear that the boat or ship might capsize and you could be lost in the ocean and drowned. That feeling remained with you till you got back to the harbor. You still love the ocean and lakes and are not afraid of them, **but your fear comes from the consequences you could experience while sailing, surfing, swimming or enjoying other water sports, even in your own pool.**

The same could be said even if you like camping and sitting around a campfire. It's a warm feeling from the fire crackling, the talk and laughter of friends or roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. But clowning around with the fire can also set fire to the forest which becomes a raging, loud, uncontrollable hungry monster that swallows up the mountains, homes and people.

We as humans are usually not afraid of fire. We use it in our barbecues and in northern regions of the world, fireplaces keep us warm. Gas fired stoves in our homes and restaurants are used to cook our food. **We are not afraid of fire, but we fear the consequences of the misuse of fire.**

Now we get to the FEAR OF GOD!

How can anyone fear an all-knowing, all-loving God? Well, we shouldn't! **What we should fear is the consequences of no God.**

I remember when I was in school and sometimes the teacher would leave the classroom to get something from the principal's office and the trouble makers picked on the other kids in the room, taking their books or pulling their hair or doing other mischiefs and when they saw the teacher coming back they would settle down.

Trying to convince the teacher that something happened was difficult and no one wanted to be a snitch because 'snitches get stitches'. The same thing happened to my children but more intense. When there is no justice or help in the world, it can be a scary place. Where people think 'there is no God', what exist is the 'survival of the strongest'.

But there is a Creator, our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! ***When in the bible, it says 'Fear the Lord, your God', it means, give your creator, your God the respect He deserves and fear the consequences of your ignoring Him, mocking Him, or refusing His gracious offer of salvation through his Son Jesus.***

All nature glorifies Him, the stars in the sky say, Look how big your creator really is! The Earth says 'See the beautiful flowers, mountains, waterfalls, rivers, islands, and all the wonderful wildlife that lives and pro creates in these places.

Stand in reverence and awe at the wonderful creation of your God and know that He does not leave you clueless in this great world. He brings justice to us and punishes those who persist in doing evil!

In Proverbs 1:7 – It says, ***"The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction."***

In the book of Sirach, Chapter 15: Verses 11-20 - Under the topic of

Free will and God's justice, he says,

¹¹ ***Don't say, "I fell away because of the Lord."
What the Lord hates, he won't do.***

¹² ***Don't say, "The Lord made me go astray."
He has no use for sinful people.***

¹³ ***The Lord has hated every foul thing,***

*and those who fear him
have no love for such things.*

¹⁴ *He created humanity at the beginning,
and he left them to the power
of their choices.*

¹⁵ *If you choose to,
you will keep the commandments,
and keep faith out of goodwill.^[a]*

¹⁶ *He has put fire and water before you;
you can stretch out your hand
for whichever you choose.*

¹⁷ *Life and death are in front
of human beings;
and they will be granted
whichever they please,*

¹⁸ *because the wisdom
of the Lord is great;
he's mighty in authority,
he sees everything,*

¹⁹ *his eyes are upon those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.*

²⁰ *He doesn't command anyone
to be ungodly,
and he doesn't give anyone
a license to sin.*

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

I PRAY: Let all of us trust the LORD completely and fear the consequences of ignoring him. Amen (or 'So Be It')

- Back Ground Music Starts and

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to him

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And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds: my commentary on some of these readings.

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