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"Godly Fear" "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever..." (Psalm 19:9a)

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

Godly Fear Factors:

Fear Drift

Deuteronomy 5:23-29 – (23) "And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. (24) And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man and man still live. (25) Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. (26) For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? (27) Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.' (28) And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. (29) Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!""

Fear Shift

Luke 12:<u>4-5</u> – (4) "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. (5) But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!"

Fear Lift

<u>2 Corinthians 7:1</u> – "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."

Key Point: "Fear God & Give Him Glory...." (Rev. 14:7a)

To maintain Godly Fear I must:

Avoid the 'End Time Rage'

"The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, <u>and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,</u> <u>and those who fear your name, both small and great</u>, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth." (Revelation 11:18)

Remain Engaged

"Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name." (Malachi 3:16)

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, <u>moved with fear</u>, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." (Hebrews 11:7 KJV)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Who am I to fear? (Is. 8:13) Who am I not to fear? (Is. 51:12; Deut. 7:21) What keeps one away from evil? (Prov. 16:6)