

“The Fear of the LORD” Proverbs 9:10

1. The Fear of the LORD means that you choose to give HIM your _____, and that you choose to _____ HIM above all others and everything. Matthew 6:9 The Fear of the LORD (or lack) comes from _____ you give HIM in your heart. Is HE first? Or last?
2. Holy Fear is not being _____ of GOD, which causes a person to withdraw from HIM. Someone who is scared of GOD usually has something _____.
Exodus 20:19-20
3. The person who fears GOD _____ to hide. He or she is terrified of being _____, because HE is their greatest Treasure. They flee sin, because they do not want _____ from GOD. The Fear of the LORD _____ a person toward GOD, not pushes them away from GOD.
4. **Some things the Fear of GOD does for us.**
 - A. The Fear of the LORD swallows up all _____ fears. Mt. 10:28
 - B. The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of _____. Prov. 14:27
 - C. The Fear of GOD causes us to _____. (because sin destroys people)
 We _____ what HE loves, and we _____ what HE hates. Proverbs 8:13
 - D. The Fear of the LORD keeps _____. Proverbs 16:6
 - E. The Fear of the LORD brings _____ over a lifetime. Proverbs 10:27
 - F. “The Fear of the LORD is HIS (GOD’s) _____ (Delight).” Isaiah 11:3
 It is HIS _____ to us. Is it your Treasure?
 - G. Through the Fear of the LORD, we become _____. Ps. 25:14 ESV

5. Solomon’s Early Success. 2 Samuel 12:24-1 Kings 11:43

- A. Solomon _____ GOD greatly and GOD loved him.
- B. When his father, David, died, Solomon asked GOD for a _____.
 His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding were greater than _____ whoever lived. He built GOD’s _____ in Jerusalem.
- C. Loving GOD and using wisdom brought the young King enormous _____ and _____ for the Nation. The Fear of the LORD kept him for _____ years.
- D. Powerful rulers came from many countries just to _____ from him.

Solomon’s Fall away from GOD:

- E. He sealed a treaty with powerful _____ by marrying the Pharaoh’s daughter.
- F. This was the first of hundreds of _____ wives he married for political reasons. In doing this, Solomon went against his father’s last words, but also against GOD’s _____ commands.
- G. Solomon slowly started acknowledging, then _____ the false gods of his foreign wives. He _____ his Fear of the LORD, then his _____ for GOD.

- H. He heavily _____ his people, and his abusive policies alienated his people from him. GOD raised up _____ to get his attention, but he _____ GOD's voice for the _____ years of his reign over Israel.
- I. He wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes toward the end of his life with the main theme of " _____ ... life is boring, _____, and worthless ... there is nothing new under the sun ... what is _____ cannot be made right ... there is no need trying any more ... Life is a _____. (vanity)." He no longer _____, all the truth he once held dear. He was a _____ old man.
- J. At Solomon's death the Kingdom would be ripped away from his son, and the Nation was divided into two countries by a _____ ... 10 tribes in the north were called _____... and 2 tribes in the south were called _____. All this happened because of Solomon's _____ away from GOD. He drifted because he _____ the Fear of the LORD.

Solomon's Return: At the very end of his life, he gave his _____ reflections in **Ecclesiastes 12**. What are you going to do when you _____? And when you drift? When you are _____ seemingly beyond hope? How are you going to _____? The issue is NOT if you will fail. THE ISSUE is how will you _____ when you fail.

- K. Solomon says 7 times in one way or another at the end of his life:
 _____ Will you remember?
6. The greatest _____ is the Fear of the LORD, for it is the _____ upon which all other virtues of godliness and success are learned and held. Psalm 25:12 "Who are those who Fear the LORD? HE will show them _____ they should choose."
7. _____ all around us have lost the Fear of GOD. Is that you? They don't _____ HIM. They don't _____ HIM. They have _____ for HIM. They say they love HIM, but by their behavior, by their schedule, by their choices ... it is just _____, because their hearts are far from HIM.

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