

Teaching the Fear of God

I. Introduction

J.I. Packer wrote, "I ask you for a moment to stop your ears to those who tell you there is no road to knowledge about God, and come a little way with me and see. After all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and anyone who is actually following a recognized road will not be too worried if he hears non-travelers telling each other that no such road exists."

Years ago I read the book *The Joy of Fearing God* by Jerry Bridges and he wrote, "a profound sense of awe toward God is undoubtedly the dominant element in the attitude or set of emotions that the Bible calls the 'fear of God'" (pg. 18).

I would argue if we are going to teach the fear of the Lord we need to teach two very important things:

- The _____.
- The child's _____.

II. The Character of God

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

H. _____

“Now, what attribute is God about to show to Moses? His petition is, ‘Show me thy glory.’ Will he show him his justice? Will he show him his holiness? Will he show his wrath? Will he show him his power? Will he break yon cedar and show him he is almighty? Will he rend yonder mountain and show him that he can be angry? Will he bring his sins to remembrance, and show that he is omniscient? No; hear the still small voice – ‘I will make all my goodness pass before thee.’ Ah! The goodness of God is God’s glory. God’s greatest glory is that he is good. The brightest gem in the crown of God is his goodness.”

III. The child’s sinfulness

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

IV. Conclusion

V. Discussion Questions

A. What did you find most helpful from this talk?

B. Where are you doing well and where do you need to improve in terms of teaching the character of God and helping your children see their own sinfulness?

C. What is one thing discussed that you want to make sure you share with your children this week as a point of emphasis?

