

THE FEAR OF YAHWEH

Introduction

I would like to speak today on a subject that I believe not a lot of people understand and to be perfectly honest I did not either until I did this study on. Like it says in Deut. 4:10 "...so that they learn to fear me..." As with many texts to look at it just as it sits does not always make it clear of understand because in our lives there are so many levels of fear that we experience through our daily lives. I think that at the core in our relationship with YHVH we do not understand how to properly "fear" YHVH and what that means. It is also my belief and that is why I am writing this article, that IF we did fear YHVH then everything else in our relationship with Him would fall right into place.

That being said I am not saying that "ok I now fear YHVH" but truly understand that "fear and reverence" and because of that the rest of our walk would fall into place simply because of this first fact. Not it would be done for us, we would then have all those stumbling blocks in our own personalities and self-sovereignty and everything else eliminated out of the picture so that we could get own with what YHVH wants us to do with our lives.

So, let's begin with looking at Deuteronomy 10 verse 12. Here's Moses with the Israelites standing at the Jordan ready to go into the land and they are probably all asking the same question, "What does YHVH want for us? What does He expect of us?". And so here we find an answer.

¹² And now, Israel, what doth YHVH require of thee, but to fear YHVH, to walk in all his ways, and to love Him, and to serve YHVH with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

¹³ To keep the commandments of YHVH, and His statutes (laws), which I command thee this day for thy good?" (Deut. 10:12-13)

So, when we look at these two verses what we see here is a specific process, a specific order to how YHVH wants us to develop. I think that if we break this down, we would realize that Christianity, a lot of it starts off with an emotional stirring. They would try to reach you through music or some other thing where they get you all emotional so that we make a decision or commitment. We all know or should know that any decision based solely on emotions does not usually lead to a good conclusion.

There is nothing wrong with emotions, but those feelings should come later not first.

So, let's take a look at this process and see what we are told here:

- 1) Fear YHVH (We will be talking about this in detail in a few minutes.)
- 2) Then because we fear, reverence YHVH we will "walk in all His ways" (Torah)
 - a. Which lead to us being Blessed
 - b. Keep us safe
 - c. They help change us from what we are to start into what he is.

Then we realize that His ways express how much He loves us. And then as a natural manifestation of being loved we reciprocate or give that love back to Him. Then the third step is:

- 3) To love Him (which leads to...)
- 4) To serve Him
- 5) Guarding after (keeping) His commandments

This of course concludes by telling us that all of this is for our own good.

It is really critical that we understand this process because we read in Deut. 6:5 *“And thou shalt love -- the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”*, and we are not able to do this if we have not truly learned what or how to Fear YHVH and walk in all His ways, because the high level of love required to obtain that goal is not possible, until we do the other things first.

It is out of the awe reverence and fear that we truly walk in obedience the way that He desires us to walk in them. This is the KEY! We do not get to choose how to walk in His ways, He has already told us how He wants us to walk in them. Then after that we see His love and fall in love with Him and return that love by doing as He has asked us to do. This also leads us to be in the proper mindset to properly guard His commandments.

That word “guard” deserves much more attention and study because there is more to obeying His commands when we guard them. It would mean that we put our lives on the line to protect those command, not give in, negotiate, barter, or forget them, but stand proud and protect that which has been given to us by Him. Too many times we let our bosses, family members or friends, start putting pressure on us and we cave in and the next thing we know we are breaking one or more of His commandments.

All of this flow out of a beginning point called the “Fear of YHVH”.

The Hebrew word translated “**fear**” here is “**yarei**” which means:

- to fear; morally (from the perspective of distinguishing right from wrong),
- to revere, to be in awe

Webster’s dictionary defines **fear** as:

- anxiety caused by real or possible danger, pain, etc.;
- **reverence** (a feeling of deep respect, love and awe;
- **awe** (a mixed feeling of reverence, fear and wonder)

So, let’s put that all together and say that although you should be afraid that He can kill you, and we should because we read story after story about opening up the ground and swallowing people up and all kinds of other terrible things. So that fear should be there, but that is not the totality of what He is talking about here in terms of fear.

He is looking for “awe”, “reverence” and “respect”. So, the best way to describe this is by picturing the one that you love the most, and how you would feel if they looked at you with their head down in disappointment. That’s because you have this awe, love and respect for that person and you would do anything to not disappoint them or hurt them. Remember that we are not to look at this as just fear as in being afraid. We are not to walk in fear because we have Him on our side, but should still fear him.

In many ways we are a people, a world, consumed by fear. We are afraid to some degree of everything and everyone. Most of what we do is because of something or someone we are afraid of. Much of our time is

spent in avoiding or escaping our fears. This is why we are so overwhelmed by stress, anxiety and nervousness.

When we “**fear**” man and situations we become filled with stress, anxiety and nervousness. When we “**fear**” Yahweh we become filled with peace, comfort and security. So basically, if we learn to fear YHVH properly, we will never be afraid again!

We will find that the fear of man can often be broken down as:

F = False

E = Evidence

A = Appearing

R = Real

In many cases the false evidence appearing real is the false evidence that the one we fear has real authority over us; that they have control of us, our lives, and/or our futures. We must break free from that mindset by embracing the **FACT**, the **TRUTH**, that it is Yahweh, and Yahweh alone that we must fear!

When we do, we will find that when we fear Yahweh, we have no need to fear anything or anyone else.

Throughout the Scriptures we can read about those that “feared” man and those that “feared” Yahweh. We can see the fruit of each, and learn the lessons, recorded for our instruction. Yahweh

instructs us in His Word not to fear anyone or anything but Him!

He tells us this over and over again in His Word and makes it very clear and so let’s read a bunch of those verses now so that we can see what His Word has to say about the subject.

How many times have you felt backed into a corner without any choices or between the proverbial rock and a hard place? Yahweh instructs us in His Word how we are to handle being there.

Exodus 14:1-31

- Do not be afraid (of men, the world) “...stand still and see the deliverance of Yahweh...”

LESSON: When we are afraid and walking in fear of man or circumstances, you are to realize you need to stop and get quiet and stand still and allow YHVH to do what is needed.

It should also be said that from a Christian mindset, they would think that YHVH will just do it all for us, but the people of Israel still had to walk in faith and cross through the sea. He provides the way, they still had to go. But at that point, He said stand still and allow me to provide, so that you can see what I have in mind for you.

So when we start panicking, we need to remember who is in control. The word, EMUNAH (Hebrew) – Faith, trust and belief, is a lot deeper than what most people think. Most people just say, “well you just have to have faith; you just have to believe,” but it is a much deeper meaning here. EMUNAH means completely embracing and trusting down to the very marrow of your bone, that YHVH has everything under His control.

Everything that happens, either because He caused it or allowed it, is because He is in control. So, if the children of Israel had EMUNAH at that point, they would know that being in that position was because that's where He wanted them so that He could reveal something either to them or with them to someone else. We only panic because we can only think from within ourselves for the answer and not looking to him for a solution.

We have the habit of stopping and complaining when we do not understand or even worse try to figure out how to solve the issue. YHVH always wants us moving forward and with the children of Israel it was no different. They stopped when they saw the water and YHVH was probably thinking, "Why are they stopping?" The water was not a barrier that all of a sudden appeared to prevent the children from moving forward, it was always there, they just had to believe and keep moving forward for the solution to resolve itself.

The purpose of this whole trial was not to put the children into a position where they would die in the hands of Pharaoh, but to teach the children of Israel to fear YHVH and not circumstances or man.

Exodus 20:1-4

- In the first three verses we see YHVH not only introduces himself but also reminds us who He is and what He has done. Then He goes on to help us to give Him all that "awe and reverence" and not to give that to anything else or anyone. Again, YHVH is very serious about this issue and us respecting and honoring Him and NOBODY ELSE!

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

- Do not be afraid of the battles and attacks from the world, the overwhelming odds against you, because Yahweh fights with you!

Let's look at this scripture. When we get into any conflict, strife, arguments, or battles with anybody today, and they look like they have more power or authority than you, that it is YHVH who brought us out of our wilderness, will be there to fight for us. It is also relevant to understand that it also mentions that the ministry, Pastors, Leaders are supposed to be there to encourage, and uplift you during this difficult time.

Again this is not about us being perfect and standing strong and firm every time because we are not going to make it, but this is more about what is in our hearts, what is our intention and focus here, YHVH or the enemy. When we try to manipulate the Word of YHVH so that it works with us, or try to do the least possible to just get by, then we are showing YHVH that His Torah is not in our heart to obey Him. We are just playing games and we are going to lose.

Numbers 13:1-2, 13:21-33

- Do not fear the people of the land... FEARYAHWEH!

So we see here that YHVH is picking men from each tribe, to go spy out the land.

As we read on and the men returned from their trip with proof of the land flowing with milk and honey, but then the fear started again when the leaders reported about the enemies that lived there as well and surrounded the land.

- The words “evil report” (vs. 32) in Hebrew – dibbah can mean: slander, whispering, defamation. The leaders who came back except for Jacob and Caleb slandered or lied about what YHVH said about the promised land.

Numbers 14:1-39

- Do not fear the people of the land... FEAR YAHWEH!

The people here we see that they are now listening to the leaders (men) and not paying attention to what YHVH had told them. Again, their focus has changed back unto men. This happens too many times in churches where you hear people slandering the leadership but will not go to the leadership to find out if something is true.

- This story is very much like the parable of the sower and the seeds. These people did not have the roots of faith planted deep enough so that when things got tough, they were able to stand against the wind and succeed.

We also see that when things get rough people have a tendency to blame the leadership because we choose not to look in ourselves for the problem. But when YHVH chooses someone to lead, He does not give the vision to the people, He only gives it to the leadership and so the people have to learn to trust in the leadership that has been given to them. If you don't like the leadership then leave but do not slander them or you may come under the wrath of YHVH.

- What are you willing to give up in order to have what YHVH is wanting to give you?

This will ultimately cost you something and in most cases, it is family, friends, work, or worst of all part of yourself. Are you willing to die a bit to receive what YHVH has for you?

- In Revelations 21:7 it tells us that he who overcomes all things receives all things. Which means that we have a lot of work ahead of us for those who chose to take on this work and keep moving forward.

“7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things;” (Revelations 21:7)

- Again, everything in this chapter is about “Do not fear the people of the land... FEAR YAHWEH!” If we were to take the time to go through it all verse by verse then you could clearly see that this is what this chapter is speaking on.
- In spite of all this encouragement Yahweh knows that in the face of dire circumstances our tendency is to be **spineless**. What are we talking about when we say spineless? Let's look at Isaiah 41:8-14

Isaiah 41:8 – 13

“13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

*14 Do not fear, **you worm** Jacob, you men of Yisrael! I shall help you, 'declares Yahweh and your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Yisrael.”*

- The Hebrew word translated “worm” here is “towla” which means a maggot

This of course is referring to that which lives in dead things. He is saying “listen here you men of Israel who live in dead things. Don’t be afraid.” This is where living in fear gets you, living in dead things. We stop believing that anything is possible, that what we are going through is more powerful than our Elohim can help us out of. This is dead thinking and also kills us spiritually.

- Those who trust and walk with Him, letting Him hold our right hand, He is not going to let anybody hurt us and He will guide us as we go. This is choosing life.

Maybe what we need is more instruction and encouragement.

Psalms 23: 1-6

When we look at these verses and we know that David wrote this passage, chooses to focus on the positive parts of his life and that is why he mentions that goodness and kindness follow him through his life. David surely went through some very challenging times that many of us would have complained about along the way. Choose life!

So, let’s break this down.

In verse three he says that “He turns back my being”, which is talking about teshuvah (repentance) and gets us to turn around and stop going the wrong way, then he says, “*He leads me in paths of righteousness.*”

Let’s define righteousness very clearly, so pay attention so you don’t miss this. Righteousness is simply, doing what is right. Its not complicated and that is what we always think. The only complicated part is that we do not know what is right in the eyes of YHVH.

So, by YHVH “*leading me in paths that lead me to righteousness,*” it simply means that if YHVH shows me things and I do them, I can be declared right. We do not get to fall back on the righteousness of Yeshua until the end and we have done everything we can to prove ourselves to YHVH. All our efforts will only get us to the door of the Kingdom but not in, the door is locked.

The reason that we cannot go in is because we are stained. We are clean by His blood and have been forgiven, but our soul is still stained and needs to be purified before we can enter the Kingdom. The garments of righteousness is the reward we receive after we are judged and pass this point, not before. Although we were all saved 2000 years ago when Messiah died on the tree, like the rest of the world or at least it was offered to the whole world, but this is a journey that must be taken in order to prove ourselves worthy of the Kingdom and that is why we are still here.

*“When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For you are with me; Your **rod** (shevet) and Your **staff** (literally staff), they comfort me.” (Psalms 23:4)*

This whole teaching is about fear. If we had to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, that would be pretty frightening, but with YHVH by our side what would you have to fear, nothing. Now let’s look at “*your rod and your staff*” what is this talking about.

Rod – shevet – truncheon, scepter (mark of authority)

Staff - maš'ēnāh – support or a wooden staff

In Hebrew there is a thing called the “Law of First Mention” basically it means that the first times a word is used, that will normally be the most important understanding of that word. So, let’s take a look where we see the first mention of “shevet” or rod.

“Genesis 49:10 “The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudāh, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.”

Your scepter gives comfort because we know it brings comfort knowing who owns that scepter.

*¹ And a **rod** (symbol of authority) shall come forth from the stump of Yishai, and a Sprout from his roots shall be fruitful. ² The Spirit of יהוה shall rest upon Him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of יהוה, ³ and shall make Him breathe in the fear of יהוה. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears. ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with straightness for the meek ones of the earth, and shall strike the earth with the rod (authority) of His mouth, and slay the wrong with the breath of His lips” (Isaiah 11:1-4)*

This is speaking about David before he was born. We can see that the use of “rod” in this passage is revealing YHVH’s authority.

- Revelation 19:11-16
“And He shall shepherd them with a rod of iron”

From this simple passage we can see in verse 15 that the “rod (authority) of Iron (truth and Torah)” Once you start learning about the meaning or words in Scripture you can see what is actually being spoken. This is not about beating someone into submission, it is about the AUTHORITY OF YHVH’S WORD! Yeshua will rule over us with YHVH’s authority which is the same as His Word or Torah, same thing.

So, for all the people out there who are having an issue with submitting to the Word, to Torah, well too bad, you do not have a choice. Actually, that is not true, you do have a choice, but if you choose to not follow Torah then you will perish and not make it into the Kingdom because the King is not going to negotiate or play games with us just so you feel good about yourself.

Now just a reminder here about what we are trying to focus on here. The fear of YHVH is that while it is true that we need to be afraid of the one who created all things, but we should also be focusing more on what it means to have “Awe, Reverence and Respect”, and a fear of letting down or disappointing.

So now let’s look at giving more encouragement to those who struggle with this topic.

Encouragement by YHVH

Psalms 27:1-3

Yahweh is my light and my deliverance; whom should I fear? Yahweh is the refuge of my life; whom should I dread?

Really, we could just all go home now and ponder that first line. Really there is nothing else that I need to say here because that says it all.

Isaiah 35:3-10

“Say to those with anxious heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! See, your Elohim comes with vengeance, with the recompense of Elohim. He is coming to save you’”

Isaiah 43:1-8

“Do not fear for, I have redeemed you...Do not fear, for I am with you.

Isaiah 51:1-16

Verse 1 - *“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, seeking Yahweh...”* Verse

4 - *“Listen to Me, my people, and give ear to Me, O My nation...”* Verse 7 -

“...do not fear the reproach of men...”

Verse 13 - *“And you have forgotten Yahweh your Maker who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you continually fear, all the day, because of the rage of the oppressor...”*

Tehillim 118:1-9

- Verse 9 – “princes” the Hebrew can also be translated as charitable, generous; broad, given with an open hand; noble, open-hearted

Yahweh Desires That We Fear Him

It is Yahweh’s desire that we fear Him and He tells us so over and over and over again in His “WORD.”

Let’s look at a few examples by beginning as we did last week by turning to:

Deut. 10:12-13

¹² *“And now, Yisra’el, what is יהוה your Elohim asking of you, but to fear יהוה your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being,¹³ to guard the commands of יהוה and His laws which I command you today for your good?”*

Deut 5:22-29

In verse 25 the Hebrew is “li’shmoa” and in verse 26 it is “shama”

- Hearing the voice of the living Elohim KILLS the “flesh”
- John 3:3-6
- John 6:27-69

Verse 29 - “Oh, that they had such a heart in them, to fear Me and to guard My commands always, so that it might be well with them and with their children forever!”

Yahweh demands fear / reverence to His authority as He gives His Torah

- Lev 19:14,32
- Lev 25:17,36

Deut 6:1-25

Deut 6:13-15 - Fear Yahweh your Elohim and serve Him, and swear by His Name...

Deut 6:15 ...for YHVH you Elohim is a “jealous” (better translated “zealous to protect” or “vengeant”) Elohim in your midst...”

Deut 6:16 – Do not try Yahweh your Elohim as you tried Him in Massah.

- The Hebrew here is from the root “nasah” which means to try or test and seems to be connected with seeing what someone is made of, or capable of
- The first use is in Gen 22:1-3 – Avraham told to offer up Yitchak as a burnt offering
 - Avraham feared Yahweh and obeyed w/o issue or grumbling – **TEST PASSED**
- The second is in Ex 15:22-27 (no water) (Verse 25)
 - Israel did not fear Yahweh and grumbled – **TEST FAILED**
- The next is in Ex 16:1-30 (no food) (Verse 4)
 - Israel did not fear Yahweh and grumbled and disobeyed – **TEST FAILED**
- Next is Ex 17:1-7 where we find the account of the event referenced in Deut 6:16
 - Again, more grumbling and no fear of Yahweh – **TEST FAILED**
 - Here again we also see that what is done to the one representing Yahweh is like it was done to Yahweh Himself (Complaint against leadership is the same as complaining against YHVH)
- Last let’s look at Ex 20:18-21
 - Verse 20 – “Do not fear, for Elohim has come to PROVE you, in order that His fear be before you, so that you do not sin.”

This “proving” is repeated at least 40 times in scripture which is how YHVH finds out what is in our hearts. It is a necessary part of the journey that we cannot escape unless we walk away from the path all together.

Deut 6:24

“And Yahweh commanded us to do all these laws, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today.”

YHVH WANTS US, INSTRUCTS US AND COMMANDS US TO FEAR HIM AND HIM ONLY!

Why Fear YHVH?

You might be saying to yourself, “OK, Yahweh desires that I fear Him, but what’s in it for me?”

Proverbs 1:7

The **fear of Yahweh** is the beginning of **knowledge**; fools despise wisdom and **discipline** (warning or instruction usually connected with ethics, morals, principles; reproof).

Proverbs 9:10

The **fear of Yahweh** is the beginning of **wisdom**, and the **knowledge** of the Set-apart One is **understanding**

- Wisdom – Chochma
- Understanding – Binah
- Knowledge – Da’at

Isn’t that what we all desire, wisdom and knowledge, specifically the knowledge of the “**Set-Apart One**.”? If that is the case, the “**WORD**” tells us that we must begin our quest for wisdom and knowledge by developing our “**Fear Of Yahweh**.”

Proverbs 10:27 — The fear of Yahweh prolongs days

Proverbs 14:26-27

V. 26 - In the **fear** of Yahweh there is strong trust, and His children have a place of refuge.

V. 27 - The **fear** of Yahweh is a fountain of life...

Proverbs 19:23 — The **fear** of Yahweh leads to life...

Psalms 112:1-3 — ...Blessed is the man, who **fears** Yahweh...

Psalms 33:18-19

“See, the eye of Yahweh is on those **fearing** Him...”

Psalms 31:19-20

“How great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those **fearing** You...

“In the secrecy (covering or hiding place) of Your presence You shall hide (cover) them...”

“...You shelter them in a booth (Sukkah) from “the strife of” or “quarrelling, argumentative, or disputing” tongues (L’shnot from Lashon which means speech)

Psalms 60:4

“You have given a banner (Nayc) to those who **fear** You that it might be lifted up because of the truth”

- “given a banner”
 - Shemoth 17:15 – Yahweh-Nissi
 - Verses 1-14 for context
 - Isa 11:10-12 “... a Root of Yishai, standing as a banner to the people...”
- “...Because of (due to) the truth (“qoshet” certainty/reality not “emet” truth)
- Mishle 22:21 – To cause you to know the “qosht” of the “imray” spoken words of emet, to return “ahmarim” spoken words of emet

Psalms 103:1-18

Verse 1 - “Bless (kneel before in adoration when directed toward Yahweh) Yahweh,
O my Being...”

Verse 11 - “For as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His *kindness (chesed)* toward those who **fear** Him;...”

Verse 13 – “So Yahweh has *compassion (richam - compassion/mercy)* for those who fear Him”

Verse 17 – “But the *kindness (chesed)* of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who **fear** Him...”

Psalms 115:1-18

Verse 11 - “You who **fear** Yahweh **trust** in Yahweh; He is their help and their shield.”

Verse 12 - “He *blesses (to benefit; bestow something that is advantageous or good; when directed towards man)* us; He blesses the house of Yisrael...”

Verse 13 - “He blesses those who **fear** Yahweh, the small and the great.”

Psalms 25:1-22

Verse 12 - “Who, then, is the man that **fears** Yahweh? He teaches him in the way he should choose.”

Verse 14 - “...The *secret (sod – intimacy, counsel, secret)* of Yahweh is with those who **fear**

Him, and He makes His covenant known to them.”

Psalms 128:1-6

Verse 1 - Blessed are all who **fear** Yahweh, who walk in His ways.

Psalms 145:1-21

Verse 8 – Yahweh shows *favor* (“*Chanun*” from “*Chen*”) and is *compassionate* (“*Rachum*” from “*Rachem*” which means *mercy/compassion*) patient and great in *kindness* (“*chesed*”)

Verse 19 - “He does the desire of those who **fear** Him; and He hears their cry and saves them.”

Psalms 147:1-11

11 - “Yahweh takes pleasure in those who **fear** Him, in those who wait for His kindness.”

Proverbs 31:30

“...A woman who **fears** Yahweh is to be praised.”

Proverbs 3:1-18

16 - Then shall those who **fear** Yahweh speak...and Yahweh listens...

A Warning to Those Who Don't Fear Yahweh

Ecc 8:11-13

“...But it shall not be well with the wrong...because he does not **fear** before Elohim”

Jer 5:20-31

“Declare this to the house of Ya’aqob and proclaim it in Yehudah, saying...”

“...O foolish people...Do you not **fear** Me? Declares Yahweh. Do you not tremble at My presence,...”

Deut 28:58-61

“If you do not guard to do all the Words of this Torah that are written in this book, to **fear** this esteemed and awesome Name, Yahweh your Elohim, then Yahweh shall bring upon you...”

- Context Deut 28:1-2, 15

Gen 3:9-10

“And he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid myself.’”

- Adam realized WHO he was dealing with, we need to also, but not hide ourselves, but rather seek the one whom we fear through repentance

Isa 29:13

“...Because this people has drawn near with its mouth, and with its lips they have esteemed Me, and it has kept its heart far from Me, and their fear of Me has become a command of men that is taught!”

- Taught by men how to fear Him as opposed to taught by Yahweh how to fear Him
- Perhaps it also is hinting at fearing the men teaching more than Yahweh

Prov 1:1-33

“...Let them seek Me and not find Me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the **fear** of Yahweh,...”

- Hosea 4:1-10 – “My people have perished for the lack of knowledge...”

Psa 36:1-4

“Transgression speaks to the wrong within his heart; **Fear** of Elohim is not before his eyes...”

2 Kings 17:32-41

- If you read the whole chapter you will find that they were claiming to fear Yahweh, yet they were still doing what was right in their own eyes

Those who do not change – do not fear Elohim

Psalms 55:16-19

- those who do not change do not fear Elohim

How Do We Develop Our Fear of Yahweh?

Prov 2:1-22

- That you must seek understanding, like hidden treasure in order to understand the fear of Yahweh and find the knowledge of Elohim.

Ecc 3:14

“I know that whatever Elohim does is forever. There is no adding to it, and there is no taking from it. Elohim does it, that men should **fear** before Him.”

- Deut 4:1-2
- Prov 30:5-6 “Every Word of Eloah is “ts’rufa” = tried, pure, refined

Deut 17:18-20

- Write a copy of the Torah, so that you learn to fear Yahweh.

Deut 31:10-13

- The Torah is to be read publicly so that all learn to fear Yahweh

The miracles, awesome works and deeds that we witness and read about are for the purpose of helping us develop our “Fear of Yahweh.”

Deut 14:22-23

Tithing and the Moadim are to teach us to fear Yahweh...

Deut 6:1-9

Yahweh instructs Yisrael to fear Him and guard ALL His commands

Part 2 - Yahweh will test and prove us to see if we “FEAR” Him

Exo 20:18-21

“...Elohim has come to prove you, in order that his fear be before you, so that you do not sin.”

Deut 13:1-4

“Walk after Yahweh your Elohim and **fear** Him, and guard His commands and obey His voice, and serve Him and cling to Him.”

Deut 8:1-7

“... as a man disciplines his son, so Yahweh your Elohim disciplines you, therefore you shall guard the commands of Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to **fear** Him.”

- Prov 3:1-24

CONCLUSION

Deut 10:12-21

“**Fear** Yahweh your Elohim. Serve Him, and cling to Him, and swear by His Name...”

Hosea 3:5

Afterward the children of Yisrael shall return ...and fear Yahweh...

Psa 33:1-12

Let all the earth fear Yahweh and stand in **awe** of Him

Psa 86:1-12

“Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; Let me walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to **fear** Your

Name.”

Joshua 24:14-24

And now, fear Yahweh, serve Him in perfection and truth

- Put away the false mighty ones
- Verse 19 - “jealous” (better translated “zealous to protect” or “vengeant”)

Ecc 12:13-14

The conclusion of the matter: Fear Elohim and guard His commands...