

DAY 21: Saturday, February 5th — *DELIGHT IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD*

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Isaiah 11:2-3a

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The fear of God is... astonished reverence. I believe that the reverential fear of God mixed with love and fascination and astonishment and admiration and devotion is the most enjoyable state and the most satisfying emotion the human soul can know.

—A.W. Tozer, *Whatever Happened to Worship*

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Isaiah prophesized that the Holy Spirit would give Jesus the fear of the Lord, a fear that Jesus would delight in. So, what brought Jesus delight? Responding to God in prayerful, reverent awe, trusting in God completely, and demonstrating an unwavering obedience to His instruction.

I believe it was with this in mind that Paul wrote to the Corinthians, encouraging them in their faith. He instructs them to “work out” their salvation “with fear and trembling.” ([Philippians 2:12](#)). Paul is referring to a sober, reverent, acknowledgment of an all-powerful, ever-present God who loves them deeply and walks with them to guide and protect them.

The lack of an awe-filled reverence is an indication that we do not truly know God, and by association, His son Jesus; therefore, we cannot fully trust God or please Him. We also cannot love God because we cannot understand His love for us or what is required for us to love Him. And, we won't find the peace that comes from the assurance that the all-powerful creator of the universe cares for us so much that He would send His only son to die in our place.

Just as Jesus walked with God, and God walked with Him, we have God walking with us when we turn to Him in faith. Our fearful confidence is that almighty God walks with us, and our blessed comfort is that His loving presence means we need not fear anything in the world

He casts me down, only to lift me up again. He sits in judgment of my sin, but forgives me nevertheless. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but love from the Lord is its completion. (William D. Eisenhower)

Questions for reflection and discussion:

- ▶ How would you describe to someone what it means to live in the fear of the Lord?
- ▶ When you think of God walking with you, with all of His majesty and power, How does this make you feel?
- ▶ What can you do to better practice the fear of the Lord in your life?

(Source: <https://wheatonbible.org/daily-devotional/author/scott-young/>)

**-- RESTORE --
BE IN THE ROOM
WHERE THINGS HAPPEN**

LIFE APPLICATION

*Abundance is
always God's
Signature Move*

*May the favor of
the Lord our God
rest on us;
establish the work
of our hands*

Devotional Text

**Isaiah 11:2-3a
Philippians 2:12
Psalm 31:19, 112:1, 115:13
Deuteronomy 6:24
Isaiah 33:6**

TO HAVE FOUND GOD AND
STILL TO PURSUE HIM IS THE
SOUL'S PARADOX OF LOVE,
SCORNEDEEDED BY THE
TOO-EASILY-SATISFIED
RELIGIONIST, BUT JUSTIFIED
IN HAPPY EXPERIENCE BY
THE CHILDREN OF THE
BURNING HEART

The Pursuit Of God
By A. W. Tozer