

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

Study Guide: Chapter 6 - "Know the Fear of the Lord"

1. What basic sin does the author remind us is at the heart of the fear of man. (95)
2. How does step #4 help us overcome the basic problem that the fear of man brings? (96)

WHAT IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

3. What spectrum of words does the author include in the idea of fearing the Lord. (97)
4. Of what does the "terror" end of the spectrum have a clear view? Of what does the "worship end" also know? (97-98)
5. How can we fear God and love him at the same time? (98)
6. How is God's holiness more than just an isolated attribute? (98-99)

7. What does the immanence of God do? (99)

WHAT OPPOSES THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

8. What three prominent adversaries try to stop our quest to know and fear God? (100) (1John 2:13, 16)
9. What is one strategy our heart uses to avoid the fear of the Lord? (100)

LEARNING THE FEAR OF THE LORD?

10. What is the primary way that we learn the fear of the Lord according to Deut 17:18-19? (102)
11. What two character traits of God are properly understood by those who fear him? What verses show that both are true of his holy nature? What happens if we try to pick one or the other? (103)
12. What elements of creation remind us of the amazing power of God? How have the psalms expounded on these elements to describe God's greatness? (104)

13. How does God compare his size and power to His creation according to Psalm 95:4 (105)?
14. What two responses does the author have to the majesty of God's creation? (105-106)?
15. By what name did Jacob refer to God in Gen 31:53 (106)?
16. What events in Jacob's life brought him to a personal knowledge of God's power? (107)
17. Complete the quotation: "A growing knowledge of God displaces . . ." (107)
18. Read Psalm 119:120. What are some ways in which it is good for us to be uncomfortable before God? (108)
19. How did God visibly reveal his power to the Israelites at Sinai? (109)
20. How does the Law reveal the love and holy character of God? (110)
21. Practically, what does the fear of the Lord look like? (111)

Big Idea: Learning about God will teach you to fear Him and displace the fear of man in you.