

The Fear of God

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- Dark (G4655) - Obscurity (difficult to understand)
- Light (G5457) - To make manifest (clear or obvious)
- Ear (G3776) – physically or mentally
- Housetops (G1430) – to build

Take what they’ve learned from Jesus and express it in a way that others might understand.

Matthew 10:28

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- Jesus was preparing his disciples for their future life, filled with hard times, persecution, abandonment, etc. All placed on them by fellow men.
- Our earthly bodies are mortal, but our souls are eternal. We have the choice (now) as to what happens to us then.
- Proverbs 14:27 - The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life

Matthew 10:29

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

- The poor (who could not afford a goat or lamb) could offer sparrows for sacrifice to the LORD.
- Even though they were not of great value GOD took notice of them to the point if one fell from the sky he would know it.

How Matthew 10:30-31

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- With everything going on in the world, GOD knows us on a personal level (He knows everything about us.)
- If a low-cost sparrow is so valuable to GOD what does he think about people, who are created in his own image (Genesis 1:26).

Closing Thoughts

1. If we study/worship GOD then we are always learning more about Him
2. We should take what we learn and share it in a way that others understand and can grow
3. Life as we know it is temporary but the soul is immortal, our decisions that dictate our next life (paradise/lake of fire) so what should influence us more man or GOD
4. Even though the world and everything in it is huge, GOD cares more for mankind than anything else.

Questions?

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