

Worship

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YIREH to fear God Deut. 6:13 *"It is the LORD your God you **shall fear**. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."*

Jesus quotes this verse in Matthew 4:10 as a response to the devil's request that Jesus worship him.

Question Is it only those who physically bow down and worship the devil that are serving him?

Genesis 31:42a In response to Laban, Jacob says: *"If the God of my father, **the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac**, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed*

Genesis 22: 12 The Lord to Abraham *"He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that **you fear God**, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *"The end of the matter; all has been heard. **Fear God** and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."*

Also, see: Proverbs 9:10 *"The **fear** of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."* Luke 12:5 *"But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed,*

*has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, **fear him!**"*

Hebrews 2:15 states that fear of death is a main tool of Satan, it keeps people in slavery.

Psalms 36:1 *"Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is **no fear of God** before his eyes."* Is quoted by Paul in Romans 3:18 **READ** Romans 3: 10-18

Question How does lack of "fear of God" explain much of what goes on in our world?
Could the same be said about your life or mine?

Luke 23: 30 ff One of the thieves mocked Jesus. vs. 40 *"But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you **not fear God**, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"*

Even at the point of death, this man had no fear of God.

Question Is it possible that facing death, and possibly the fear of death, we can teach someone what or who they really need to fear?

We are to have a fear, respect, an awe for the One who holds our ultimate reward or punishment in His hands. How would we treat a judge in a courtroom if we were facing a serious charge?

SHAKLAH/SHACHAH The Hebrew word for worship, means **to depress, to bow down**, or to fall down flat (prostrate). It is a picture of humility before the LORD.

It is the powerless to the powerful, the vulnerable to the one who can help.

There are different "bows", from a simple nod, to a deeper bending, to being totally prostrate.

Psalms 95: 6 *Oh come, let us worship and **bow down**; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

QANAH turn red or dark with anger or jealousy; adjective: jealous, envious

Exodus 20: 4, 5 *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall **not bow down** to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a **jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,"*

Read Deut. Chapter 12 "The Lord's Chosen Place of Worship" especially vs. 20-32 the LORD's warning when they come into nations with other gods. Don't give allegiance or devotion to another.

Question Who are we allied with if not with the LORD? How is that manifest?

Exodus 22:20 *"Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than the Lord alone, shall be devoted to destruction"* Things devoted to destruction, anything that would lead God's people astray.

BLOOD WORSHIP

BeMizba, a noun, an altar, a slaughtering place

ZABAH the verb to slaughter, as a sacrifice

Even back to Abraham, calling on God, building an altar involved killing. Sin had to be atoned for by blood. Genesis 22:13 *"And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son."*

Leviticus has LOTS of killing going on. Romans 6: 23 *"The wages of sin is death..."*

QIPHER cover over, hide, expiate, ransom, pacify, propitiate
something precious has to be offered to deal with the grievousness of sin.
It took the "mercy seat" of God to deal with the seriousness of sin.

Leviticus 4:32, 33 *"If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish ³³ and **lay his hand on the head** of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering".*

vs. 35 *"And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven."* This gets personal, imagine the laying on of your hand. The animal died and I

watched it, due to **my** sin. How many animals would it take for us?

God wanted us to experience the awful consequences of sin.

Leviticus 17:11 *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life."*

READ Romans 3:23 – 26 God can only accept us when our sins are covered, paid for

Hebrews 4:16 and 10: 4-10 God prepared Jesus in a body so that He could be our sacrifice

READ Hebrews 13: 10-13 not only is Jesus our sacrifice, but notice the sacrifice also became a meal **eaten** in communion (priest and the sinner who presented the animal). We partake in the sacrifice.

- note, my quotes are from ESV, bold parts of scripture were done by me for emphasis