



QA: What Does It Mean That “The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom”? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: What does it mean that ‘the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom’?

ANSWER: All organized, moral, and wise thinking, all absolute truth, begins with “fear” (a.k.a. respect, awe, reverence) of the only true, living, loving God. The fear of the Lord:

1. Concludes evidence with God:

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (**Hebrews 11:3**)

Life has to have come from:

... the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them ... Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. (**Acts 14:15, 17**)

Living things never came from non-living things. The cycle of life (rain, seasons, harvest, rejoicing) are the result of the God who Created these things from nothing and directs them through His wise edicts.

2. **Improves life and:** “is the beginning of wisdom” (**Psalms 111:10**); “is the beginning of knowledge” (**Proverbs 1:7**); “is to hate evil” (**Proverbs 8:13**); “prolongs days” (**Proverbs 10:27**); “is a fountain of life” (**Proverbs 14:27**). Respect for God and His Word brings blessings to our life. Everything runs better when God is allowed to run it!

3. **Balances one’s mind:** Demon-possession was only permitted by God for the days of Jesus, His Apostles, and Christians upon whom the Apostles laid their hands, so that the Holy Spirit could demonstrate God’s power over the demons. These miraculous signs lasted only while

the Lord [was] working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. (**Mark 16:20**)

After one such demonstration by Jesus, the townspeople:

... went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. (**Luke 8:35**)

Before, the demon-possessed man "wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs" (**Luke 8:27**). Interestingly, demonically-influenced people are often naked and homeless, whereas those who reject the Devil's influences sit at Jesus' feet to learn, wear proper clothes, and can maintain a home life!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (**2 Timothy 1:7**)

Those who learn from God's Word are in their "right mind" and have "a sound mind."

4. **Agrees to obey God:** Solomon's wisdom said:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**)

Peter spoke for the Gospel Age when he said:

In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. (**Acts 10:34-35**)

DO YOU "FEAR GOD?" Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:16**)

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