

## Dig Deeper into “The Fear of the Lord” - for personal use and Life Groups...

### Introducing Proverbs, Introducing Wisdom

#### Proverbs 1:1-9

##### 1) Concise wisdom (v1-6, 8-9)

...the surprising nature of Proverbs



##### 2) Practical wisdom (v1-6,8-9)

...the incredible value of Proverbs



##### 3) Spiritual wisdom (v7)

...the absolute key to Proverbs



*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction”. Prov 1:7*

#### 1) What do people think of when they hear of “fear of the Lord” today? Is it positive?

#### 2) What is the “Fear of the Lord”? How do you get your head around it?

- Proverbs 22:4
- Proverbs 31:30
- Isaiah 11:2-3
- Acts 9:31

#### 3) How do you get it? What is it associated with?

- Proverbs 15:3
- Psalm 34:11 (and Psalm 19:9 in context)
- Psalm 86:11
- Psalm 111:10

#### 4) What are its benefits? Can you illustrate these in practice?

- Proverbs 1:7
- Proverbs 16:6
- Proverbs 29:25
- 2 Cor 7:1

#### 5) Pick 2 of these application questions to ponder....

- a) Think of a bad decision earlier in life. What would more “fear of the Lord” have looked like?
- b) “Without the fear of God our society is becoming more neurotic” (Mike Reeves\*)... discuss!
- c) Why can a non- Christian (even streetwise, canny or clever) never be truly wise?
- d) What two things can you commit to doing this term to grow in “Fear of the Lord”?

#### Resources...

- **Quotes:** *“Fear of the Lord is the whole worship of God”- John Owen (17<sup>th</sup> Century),*  
*“Fear of the Lord is love for God as God”- Joel Beeke (21<sup>st</sup> Century)*
- The penultimate verse of hymn [“Through all the Changing Scenes of Life”](#) wonderfully reminds us:  
*Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight; Your wants shall be His care.*
- A 22min **video** here from Mike Reeves on “the Fear of the Lord” - a great introduction to a longer series [ligonier.org/learn/series/the-fear-of-the-lord/not-all-fear-is-the-same](http://ligonier.org/learn/series/the-fear-of-the-lord/not-all-fear-is-the-same). The \*quote above is at 14:30
- Mike Reeves has also written two **books** on the Fear of the Lord:
  - [“Rejoice and Tremble”](#) - slightly more stretching
  - [“What does it mean to fear the Lord”](#) - slightly shorter.

