

Phobia

The fear every Christian should have

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Deut 10:12 (NIV)

And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul

Phobia

- The word "phobia" is from the Greek "phobos" (fear)
- A phobia is an intense, unrealistic fear, which can interfere with the ability to socialize, work, or go about everyday life, that is brought on by an object, event or situation.

Phobia - 10 most common phobias

- 1. Arachnophobia: The fear of **spiders**.
- 2. Ophidiophobia: The fear of **snakes**.
- 3. Acrophobia: The fear of **heights**.
- 4. Agoraphobia: The fear of **situations in which escape is difficult**.
- 5. Cynophobia: The fear of **dogs**.
- 6. Astraphobia: The fear of **thunder and lightning**.
- 7. Trypanophobia: The fear of **injections**.
- 8. Social Phobias: The fear of **social situations**.
- 9. Pteromerhanophobia: The fear of **flying**.
- 10. Mysophobia: The fear of **germs or dirt**.

Zeusophobia

Why fear something we love?

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The Fear of God.

Difference between a believer's and non-believer's fear of God

- Unbeliever fears the judgment of God and eternal death (Luke 12:5, Matt 10:28)
- Believer's fear is a reverence of God (Heb 12:28-29)
- Motivates us to surrender to God

The fear of God...

- Is the beginning of knowledge (Prov 1:7)
- Is the basis for our walking in His ways, serving and loving him (Deut 10:12,20-21)
- Is to hate (Prov 8:13) and avoid evil (Prov 16:6)
- Keeps us in his path (Jer 32:39-40)
- Keeps us from sinning (Ex 20:20)

We are not alone!

- Noah built the ark in fear (Heb 11:7)
- Moses trembled at the burning bush (Heb 12:18-21)
- God was the fear of Isaac (Gen 31:42)
- Job feared God and shunned evil (Job 1:8)
- Asaph said God alone was to be feared (Ps 76:7)
- Ethan declared God is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones (Ps 89:7)

Fearing and Respecting God

What's the difference?

Fear = Scared?

- No reason to be scared of God
- Nothing can separate us from His love (Rom 8:38-39)
- Never leave or forsake us (Heb 13:5)
- Fearing means reverence

- Fear makes us respect Him, submit to His discipline and worship Him in awe

Conclusion

- His eyes are on those who fear him (Ps 33:18)
- God's love for those who fear him is as high as the heavens are above the earth (Ps 103:11)
- He will bless those who fear him (Ps 115:13)
- His mercy extends to those who fear him (Lk 1:50)
- Fear of the Lord is the key to the treasure of salvation, wisdom and knowledge (Is 11:6)