

BA23. Fearing and Revering God & Messiah.

We are to fear and Revere God and Messiah.

BA23a: *We are to fear God and Messiah.*

BA23b: *We are to revere God and Messiah.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Fearing God

Acts 10:34-35

Then Kefa addressed them: "I now understand that God does not play favorites, but that whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him, no matter what people he belongs to.

1 Peter 2:17

Be respectful to all- keep loving the brotherhood, fearing God and honoring the emperor.

Revering God

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, my dear friends, since we have these promises, let us purify ourselves from everything that can defile either body or spirit, and strive to be completely holy, out of reverence for God.

Revering Messiah

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:28-31

Luke 1:50, 12:4-7

Acts 9:31

Romans 3:18

2 Corinthians 5:11

Philippians 2:12-13

Colossians 3:22, 4:1

Hebrews 11:7

1Peter 1:17, 3:15

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Fearing God

Deuteronomy 6:24

ADONAI ordered us to observe all these laws, to fear ADONAI our God, always for our own good, so that he might keep us alive, as we are today.

Deuteronomy 10:12

So now, Isra'el, all that ADONAI your God asks from you is to fear ADONAI your God, follow all his ways, love him and serve ADONAI your God with all your heart and all your being;

Deuteronomy 17:19

It is to remain with him, and he is to read in it every day, as long as he lives; so that he will learn to fear ADONAI his God and keep all the words of this Torah and these laws and obey them;

Deuteronomy 31:12

Assemble the people- the men, the women, the little ones and the foreigners you have in your towns- so that they can hear, learn, fear ADONAI your God and take care to obey all the words of this Torah;

Joshua 3:24, 24:14

1 Samuel 12:14

2 Chronicles 17:10

Job 28:28

Psalms 19:9(8), 25:14, 31:19, 34:9(8), 11(10), 86:11, 103:13, 111:10, 112:1, 128:1, 145:19

Proverbs 1:7, 2:5, 3:7, 8:13, 9:10, 10:27, 14:27, 15:6, 16:6, 19:23, 22:4, 23:17, 28:14, 31:30

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Revering God

1 Kings 18:3

Ach'av called 'Ovadyah, who was in charge of the palace. Now 'Ovadyah greatly revered ADONAI;

1 Kings 18:12

But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of ADONAI will carry you off to I don't know where; so that when I come and tell Ach'av, and he can't find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have revered ADONAI from my youth-

Psalms 5:8(7)

But I can enter your house because of your great grace and love; I will bow down toward your holy temple in reverence for you.

Comment

“Fearing” God in 1 Peter 2:17 (CJB): “Be respectful to all- keep loving the brotherhood, fearing God ..” contradicts and not the same as being “afraid” of him as the word “fear” is used in

1 John 4:18 (NKJ): *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”* Being afraid of God and at the same time loving him as in Deuteronomy 6:5 (NKJ): *“with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength”* is not even possible. Indeed, we are to appreciate God’s power to discipline, but the kind of fear of God we are to have, is ideally one of “reverent” respect for his authority and greatness.

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