

The Fear of God
Part 2
In Building Godly Families and God's Church

“30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31:30-31)

It is so important requirement for Godly marriage is that men and women fear God. Because the purpose of marriage is to raise up children who fear God who would ultimately build God's church. But if the man or the woman do not fear God then neither their children would fear God.

The Scriptures encourages us with the values of fearing God and shunning evil.

1- The fear of God imparts knowledge and wisdom. “7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10) “The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.” (Proverbs 15:33) Those who fear God will be instructed of what they need to say and what to do in the critical situations.

2- The fear of God is to depart from evil. “Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.” (Proverbs 3:7) “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” (Proverbs 8:13) “By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.” (Proverbs 16:6) Those who fear God will depart from doing wrong things.

3- The fear of the Lord prolongs life. “The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.” (Proverbs 10:27) Those who fear God will live a sufficient period of time, that their departure will be on time and after had fulfilled the purpose of God in their lives.

4- The fear of God brings reward. “Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13) Those who obey the command of God they show clearly that they fear God, and such attitude shall be rewarded by the Lord.

5- The fear of the Lord is refuge and confidence. “In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.” (Proverbs 14:26) Those who fear God they have their big trust in the Lord and they will run to Him in times of trouble.

6- The fear of Lord is provision and satisfaction. “The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.” (Proverbs 19:23) “By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.” (Proverbs 22:4) “Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.” (Proverbs 15:16) Those who fear God they will be well provided and satisfied.

We spoke previously about the two Hebrews midwives who feared God. In this message we will tackle other few examples of men and women who feared God and their God's fearing attitude had aided them to build their families, protect God's church and worked with God to promote His Kingdom:

1- Noah feared God and built the ark to save His family: “By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.” (Hebrews 11:7 NIV) “7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” (Hebrews 11:7 KJV)

2- Rahab who hid and protected the spies that Joshua sent: “2 The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” 3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.” 4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” 6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) 7 So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.” (Joshua 2:2-7) Rahab Ultimately God rewarded her and gave her family of her own and made her marry an Israelites, ***“5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,” (Matthew 1:5)*** You can see clearly how Rahab feared God and that fear of God generated in her faith and action to protect the spies, ***“24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?” (James 2:24-25)***

3- Jael the wife of Heber who killed Sisera the commander of the army of Jabin the king of Canaan: “15 At Barak's advance, the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot. 16 Barak pursued the chariots and army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim, and all Sisera's troops fell by the sword; not a man was left. 17 Sisera, meanwhile, fled on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was an alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite. 18 Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Come, my lord, come right in. Don't be afraid.” So he entered her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. 19 “I'm thirsty,” he said. “Please give me some water.” She opened a skin of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him up. 20 “Stand in the doorway of the tent,” he told her. “If someone comes by and asks you, ‘Is anyone in there?’ say ‘No.’ ” 21 But Jael, Heber's wife, picked up a tent peg and a hammer and went quietly to him while he lay fast asleep, exhausted. She drove the peg through his temple into the ground, and he died. 22 Just then Barak came by in pursuit of Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him. “Come,” she said, “I will show you the man you're looking for.” So he went in with her, and there lay Sisera with the tent peg through his temple—dead. 23 On that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan before the Israelites.” (Judges 4:15-23) When God called Deborah and Barak to deliver his people out of the hand the king of Canaan, they engaged in battle with his army that was under the commander of Sisera whose army was routed before the Israelites and he fled and went to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber. Her husband was not there, but being a woman who fear God knew what to do with the enemy of God. She treated him wisely till she put him to death. God wants such kind of women who fear God, who even at home they do the great work of the Lord. They are blessed women and well mentioned and recommended in His word, ***“24 Most***

blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of tent-dwelling women. 25 He asked for water, and she gave him milk; in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk. 26 Her hand reached for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman's hammer. She struck Sisera, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple. 27 At her feet he sank, he fell; there he lay. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell—dead.” (Judges 5:24-27) The woman who fears God the Holy Spirit flow through her and The Holy Spirit would give wisdom to such women and teach them how to act and to behave. In the case of Jael the wife of Heber when Sisera asked her for water she brought him **curdled milk** that will put him easier to sleep, and she gave it to him **in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk**, just to give him the impression that he is in a safe place, and he even requested her, **“If someone comes by and asks you, ‘Is anyone in there?’ say ‘No.’”** She acted with him shrewdly till she put him to death. Women who fear God will put an end to the work of Devil and with the wisdom that they will receive from God will not allow devil to enter their homes and families. Women who fear God will protect the church and will not allow the work of Devil to prevail or spread.

4- The wife of a man in Bahurim who hid the two sons of the priests who were carrying a warning message to king David to protect him from Absalom: “15 Hushai told Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, “Ahithophel has advised Absalom and the elders of Israel to do such and such, but I have advised them to do so and so. 16 Now send a message at once and tell David, ‘Do not spend the night at the fords in the wilderness; cross over without fail, or the king and all the people with him will be swallowed up.’ ” 17 Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En Rogel. A female servant was to go and inform them, and they were to go and tell King David, for they could not risk being seen entering the city. 18 But a young man saw them and told Absalom. So the two of them left at once and went to the house of a man in Bahurim. He had a well in his courtyard, and they climbed down into it. 19 His wife took a covering and spread it out over the opening of the well and scattered grain over it. No one knew anything about it. 20 When Absalom's men came to the woman at the house, they asked, “Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?” The woman answered them, “They crossed over the brook.” The men searched but found no one, so they returned to Jerusalem. 21 After they had gone, the two climbed out of the well and went to inform King David. They said to him, “Set out and cross the river at once; Ahithophel has advised such and such against you.” (2Samuel 17:15-21) This woman with her action protected the two priests and helped them to reach David soon to warn him. Such a woman or other women alike, who knew the will of God and work with the Lord to promote His missions and protect His church is what the church needs today.

5- Discipline your Children First and raise up disciples who fear God: “For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.” (Luke 23:29 KJV) Jesus He is in the mid of His people, and the scene is a terrible one; He is taken to be crucified. **“27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.” (Luke 23:27)** People were crying and the women were wailing and lamenting. But Jesus would not be taken by emotions or admired or appreciate such things. Loud voices or shouts would not be considered but rather actions and deeds needed. You may ask why? Let us read the previous verses to understand fully what is going, **“20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. 21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. 22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death**

in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. 23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. 24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. 25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. 26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.” (Luke 23:20-26) Pilate who is non believer was better than God's people. He was telling to them that he will release Jesus but they insisted on him to crucify Him. They preferred a criminal to be released to them. They were God's people; the men voted against Jesus to be crucified, but the women who followed Jesus, the mothers of those men who voted against Jesus were crying and were lamenting that Jesus would be crucified. But they were unaware that their own off springs are the one who pushed for that. **“28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.” (Luke 23:28)** That is why Jesus answered them this way, **“weep for yourselves, and for your children.”** They did not discipline their children, that is why their children did that disgraceful thing.

Jesus further told them, **“29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.”**

Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck: Wombs and paps are given for human for reproduction and for raising up Godly offspring who fear God. Those who will remain unmarried or who are married and has no children are better than those who are married but with ungodly children. They are blessed not to have children at all rather than give birth and raise up ungodly children who do not fear God.

The church that continue to bless and ordained marriages of ungodly people does not fear God and so is not doing well, because the outcome is ungodly offspring who will ultimately blaspheme God and crucify Jesus all over again. The church is not doing well if the non believers are doing better than our children or they are better than our church members. The church that does not train and discipline and equip parents to discipline and raise up Godly children is not fearing God, because it end up with ungodly families and ungodly church leaders.

The church that continue to evangelize but does no discipline or disciple is not fearing God, because those who are reached out will continue to live in their previous norms and tradition that contradict the word of God and would at the end betray the Lord.

When Jesus told the weeping women, **Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children,** He was telling them you first discipline your children and your families and teach them to do what is right and good, and that would be the way that you would come and follow me. **Blessed Is The Barren:** This will come true if wombs and paps would be used as instruments of devil to raise up wicked generation who are arrogant, do not fear God, who tell lies, steal, cheat, indulge in the world and in parties, immoralities, who support evil doers, who compromise and who condone sin and corruption. Church multiplication and increase of members with members who do not keep the word of God and who do not fear the Lord is a bad thing that Jesus is not happy with. Before you go to others,

Jesus wants you to look to yourself, to your family, and to your offspring, and see if they are with Him or they are standing with the world to condemn the righteous.

6- Esther built God's church, while Zeresh wanted to destroy it: In his rage against Mordecai, Haman arranged a conspiracy against all the Jewish, with the King Ahasuerus approval and support, and the Jews to be annihilated on the thirteen of the twelve month. In hearing that all the Jewish started to fast and finally Esther was motivated to go to the King to request him to intervene to save her and to save the Jewish people. She invited the King Ahasuerus and Haman to a banquet, and when they attended she invited them a second time. After the first invitation Haman went home happy but he was upset because Mordecai again did not pay him homage. **"10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. 11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. 12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. 13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased* Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made."** (Esther 5:10-14) You see here the wicked woman Zeresh how she pushed her husband further to harm Mordecai who is part of God's church. But on the second day God intervened, King Ahasuerus honored Mordecai for a service that he performed before in saving the life of the King. And the King requested Haman to perform the honor for Mordecai. **"11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour."** (Esther 6:11) Haman with what had happened he was put to shame, **"12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. 13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him."** (Esther 6:12-13) The comment that Haman received from his friends and his wife Zeresh was a warning statement. But they were not repenting when they comment of that. Haman was hanged on the same day on the same gallows that he prepared for Mordecai. Esther appealed to the King to issue another letter to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces. The King agreed about that, and he said to Mordecai, **"8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. 9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. 10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: 11 Wherein the king**

granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, 12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth* month, which is the month Adar." (Esther 8:8-12) The King could not cancel his first letter that he issued for Haman, but he in this letter gave permission to the Jews, **to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them.** So the Jewish were not to attack but only to defend themselves if they were assaulted by Haman group. So if Haman group including his wife and children if they will not attack the Jewish would not attack them. But on that particular day the group of Haman including his ten sons attacked the Jewish, **"2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers* of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. 5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. 6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, 9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, 10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand."** (Esther 9:2-10) Zeresh even after the death of her husband she still wanted to revenge and to destroy the Jewish and God's church. People who do not fear God will not be mindful if God's church got harmed but people who feared God they will do their best to bear persecution and to protect God's church and ministry.

7- The woman suppose to teach her children to fear God: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15 KJV) That what God said to the serpent, that there will be enmity between her and its seed and with the woman and her seed; the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the devil. This is the gospel, the good news of God to mankind. And is fulfilled when Jesus born from woman. **"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"** (Galatians 4:4 KJV) Jesus died on the cross for our sins and had victory over Satan. Paul said to Timothy, **"11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."** (1Timothy 2:11-15) What Paul referred here to the temptation of the woman in the Garden of Eden when she was away from her husband and was near Devil. That is why, **"11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection."** Because God created first Adam and gave him the instruction needed and the woman that He gave to the man should follow the instruction of God that He gave to Adam. Therefore Paul said, **"12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve."** When the woman did not follow that order of God and did not keep closeness to Adam she was exposed to the work of Devil and she sinned, **"14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."** That does not

mean woman should not teach man, but woman should not teach and take authority over the man that God already taught and instructed him of what to do. But if the man is not taught and instructed by God, then the woman who is instructed by God and His word should teach him and instruct him. On that setup at the garden of Eden when the woman sinned, her repentance would be manifested in this way, ***“15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”*** : To reproduce children and she will be saved if she will ***continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety*** and this will be manifested when woman will teach her children how to crush the head of Satan. Men and women should fear God and obey Him, and their expression of this fear of God and their faith on Him, when both of them as parents train their children to bruise the head of Satan and to let the work of Devil cease in their lives.

8- The woman who fear God, and the church of Jesus are commissioned and are responsible to raise up disciples who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus: “1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. 7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” 13 When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. 16 But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” (Revelation 12:1-17) For Godly families and for church service and ministry, it need much fear of God to stand the strain in facing the opposing work of Devil against the process of raising Godly offspring and in raising up mature and accountable disciples. The Devil and its demons will continue to fight, and they are targeting children from the day of their birth. The two midwives were asked by Pharaoh to kill every male child, and here we found that the devil is watching the woman who

is in delivery waiting for her to deliver to devour her child. Herod in this way dealt with the wise men who came to worship Jesus, ***“8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.” (Matthew 2:8)*** But the wise men would not obey him but obey God, ***“12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another* way.” (Matthew 2:12)*** Therefore, ***“16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.” (Matthew 2:16)*** God’s church is the wife of Jesus and who should be faithful to God by raisin up disciples who fear God and knows how to make an end to the work of Devil. The war is going on but Jesus had won the battle therefore the church should not be weary or give up. The victory is for us as we continue to labor for Him.

My dear and beloved: To fear God is to be heart to heart with God, to work with Him, to nurture Godly families, to raise up Godly offspring and disciples, who obey and abide with the commands of the Lord and who understand the will of God and stand firm with His purpose and plan and work with God to achieve all that are needed in building His church and in building Godly families. Understand the message and commit yourself as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for showing me clearly the truth of your word. Lord builds in me the fear of yours in my life so that I can stand firm for your cause and purpose. Lord forgive me that I did not discipline my children _____, and my disciples _____, and I blessed marriages _____, that is not in line with your will and your word. Lord I am willing to correct my life and the wrong that I did. Give me a new opportunity and uphold me with your grace to do that. Lord gives me discernment to be able to grasp and understand your will and your good plan in my life and in the life of your people. Lord I am willing to suffer and go along with your will in serving you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 10:12)

*“Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.”
(Deuteronomy 31:12)*

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

“He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” (Revelation 14:7)

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