



“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

Wouldn't you agree – to fear the Creator is a good thing? After all, it is He, not your genetic code – that holds your next breathe! In Him is life and light. He rules over the whims of men and the conduct of the nations! He exalts kings and puts down others. His will is being executed moment by moment in the earth. Your steps have been ordered of Him and He even keeps a running count of the hairs upon your head! Yes, He is to be feared and revered!

He is at once awesome and holy, yet tender and compassionate. To the unrepentant and arrogant sinner He executes His justice. But to the repentantly contrite sinner He extends His mercy! “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, “God be merciful to me a sinner.” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 18:13 – 14)

Without a proper understanding of a person your judgment of that person and their motives will never be accurate. Such judgments will always be a faulty basis for any deep and trusting relationship. Once you come to know the truth about a person you can then begin to develop a growing confidence in them. So many believe God to be vindictive and arbitrary but neither of these can be found in His attributes! Such faulty and mistaken impressions of Him spring from our own flawed character and experiences with other people. The truth is this – His thoughts for you are filled with compassion; His plan for your life rich and rewarding.

“Father, I desire an accurate view of Your character; a view that is freed from the filters of my own flawed character and experiences. Give me understanding and the quick understanding in the fear of the Lord to the end that I may begin to really know You!”

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