

Each One! Bless One!
eBlessings' International Daily Devotional
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Fear and love the Lord?

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God, and God in him."

1 JOHN 4:16 (NKJV)

We know how much God loves us and we have put our trust in Him. God is love and all who live in love, live in God and God lives in them. If God is love, why should we fear Him (like other scriptures say)? **"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:" Proverbs 9:10; "The fear of the LORD prolongeth days." Proverbs 10:27; "By humility and fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life. " Proverbs 22:4**

God is a good, caring, loving God. He does not force anybody to do something. Fearing the Lord means respecting God. Respect His Word and His ways of doing things and not doing things—things that makes Him sad. **1 Corinthians 13**, says it clearly; that chapter defines love, but since God is love, it also defines how God is.

1 John 4:18 says that perfect love casts out fear and who fears is not yet perfected in love. Sounds difficult, but it isn't! By walking with God, reading His Word, talking to Him, we see that God loves us very much. He wants the best for us. He wants us to be happy and prosperous in everything. He wants to protect us from any danger.

God isn't out there to kick us around when we do mistakes, or even sin. He doesn't look for a way to beat us or punish us when we are having a good time. (The world wants us to think that.) When we know this, we have no reason to fear whatever happens to us. We know that our "Daddy" is there to watch over us. This way the devil can't mislead us to believe bad things will happen. What bad things could happen to us when God is there? Perfect love casts out fear. **"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."** **1 John 4:18** Great isn't it!

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