

## **Fearing God?**

Exodus 20:1-21

Do you ..... fear God? That's the question we don't hear too much. We are to love God, adore God, worship God, praise God, thank God, .... but to fear God?

In this chapter, God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses for His people. Imagine the scene... Mt Sinai, where God came down to, with thunder and lightening, and a very loud trumpet blast... Mt Sinai filled with smoke... and God speaks ....

Do you think you would be scared? It's okay. I think that would be a common reaction. In fact, the Israelites were afraid, so afraid to tell Moses to speak to them himself and they will listen, but do not have God speak to them or they will die (v. 19). Then Moses told them to not be afraid. Here is the phrase that stuck with me for several days... "so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning" (v. 20).

I don't think I'm telling you anything new when I say that this world is full of distressing news. People kill, steal, misconduct sexually, act dishonestly, mistreat one another,... Does God forgive? I believe in loving God, who sent His only Son to die on the cross to pay for the penalties of our sins, so that we may have everlasting life, eternal fellowship with our Maker. I believe in God's grace, that cannot be earned by our acts, but given freely through the divine act of Jesus Christ and all we must do is to receive and to live His grace. I believe in God's forgiveness that is beyond the power of all sins. But, at the same time, I believe in holy and jealous God, who is pure and perfect in every way. I believe in God, who is glorious and majestic, and filled with awe and might.

Frankly, I think we are losing our concept of God. We treat Him too much like one of us, and try to fit Him into our understanding. We live each day thinking we can do whatever, and God will forgive. Little by little, we lose the grip of God's commands. We must come to face the awe and the greatness of God. Mirror yourself to God's holiness. I hope you will see the great God peeling the layers of sins of your life. I also hope that you will see yourself bowing before Him in fear and awe, giving yourself to God in everyway, bowing to live in purity and holiness as God Himself is holy and pure.

May the fear of God be with you to keep you from sinning!