# A Woman who Fears the Lord

# Proverbs 31:30

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What does it mean for a Christian to fear the Lord and how are we to grow in our fear of the Lord?

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

Two Contrasts to Help Understand the Fear of the Lord

1. **The Greatness of God and the smallness of man**

God is independent. We are dependent.

God is eternal. We are bound by time.

God is immutable (unchanging). We are constantly changing.

God is omnipotent (all-powerful) and omniscient (all-knowing). We are weak and limited.

2. **The Goodness of God and the sinfulness of man**

God is ALWAYS good and is accomplishing good in the lives of His people.

**Our task is to meditate on these contrasts… to grow in our knowledge of God and enlarge our view of Him.**

As we grow to comprehend God and His attributes more clearly, it should lead us to grow in our fear of the Lord, which includes a sense of awe, a posture of reverence, a falling to our knees in worship, and an amazement at His great love.

**Questions to Consider**

1. Prior to meditating on the passages discussed in the sermon, how would you describe the fear of God? Has that description been refined at all in light of the passages we considered?

2. Are charm and beauty bad? What are the warnings about them?

3. What do we mean by incommunicable attributes of God, and what are some?

4. What does it do for your heart to dwell on God's independence, immutability, omnipotence, etc.? How often do spend time meditating on the character of God?

5. What difference does the perfect goodness of God make for our understanding of Him?

6. Are there differences in how people fear the Lord?

7. What does it look like for a Christian to fear the Lord?

8. What specific steps will you take to grow in your knowledge of the Lord?

Book Recommendations:     *The Joy of Fearing God*, Jerry Bridges, 2016, Waterbrook Press.
*Knowing God*, J.I. Packer, 1993, IVP Press