

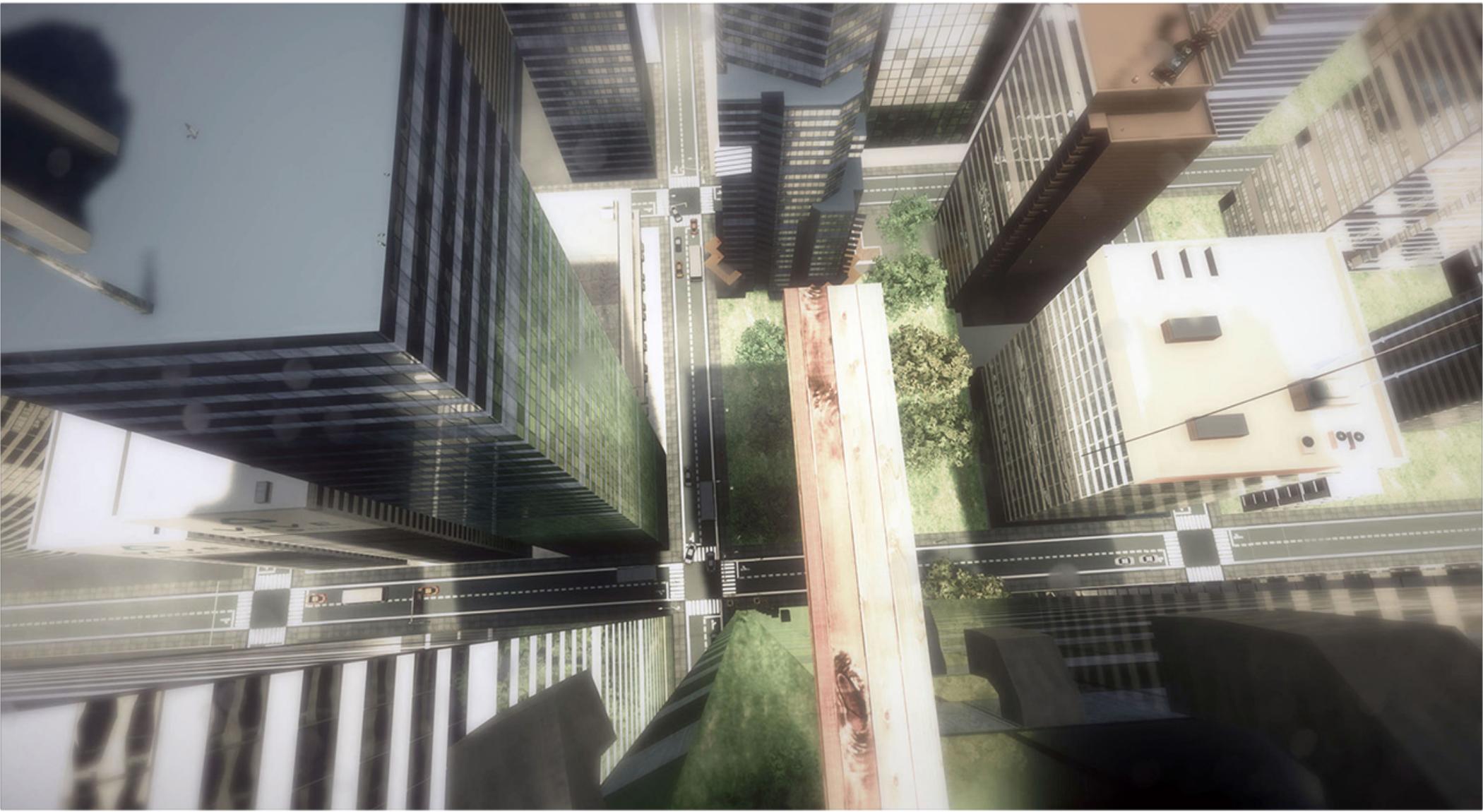


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**THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

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# Public Speaking

# What is the Fear of the Lord?

**Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach  
you the fear of the Lord.**

**Psalm 34:11**

# What is the Fear of the Lord?

1. There is a God. He is more powerful than you could ever imagine.
2. We are not Him.

**The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

**Proverbs 9:10**

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**Proverbs 1:7**

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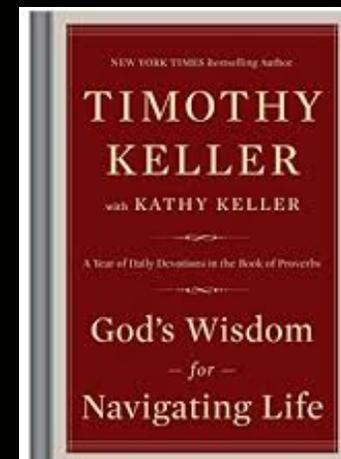
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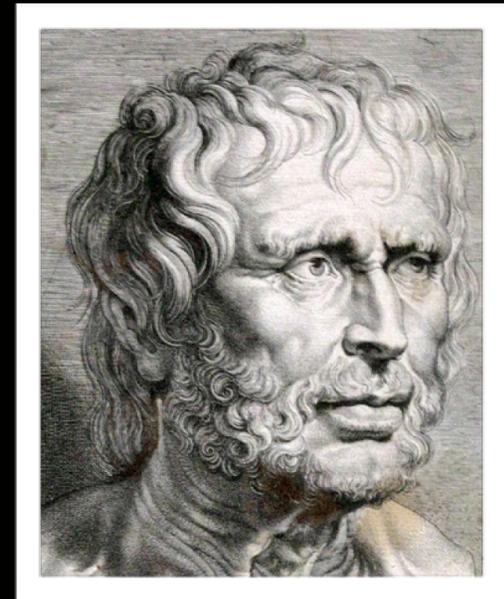
**Either God and your relationship with him will be the thing you esteem most – and every single other thing will be evaluated in light of that – or your relationship to some other thing (such as money) will define reality.”**

**Timothy Keller**



**“He is a slave.’ . . . Show me who isn’t! One person is a slave to lust, another to greed, a third to ambition — and all are slaves to hope; all are slaves to fear. . . . No servitude is more shameful than the kind we take on willingly.”**

**Seneca: 4 BC – AD 65  
Letters to Lucilius**

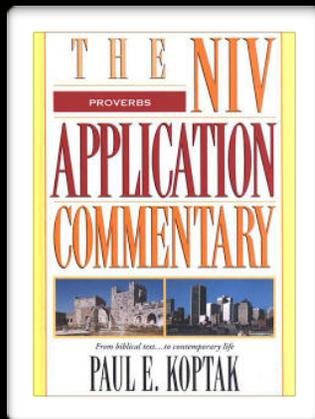


**Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?**

**But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

**Romans 6:16–18**

**For the ancients, fear of the Lord was a sign of recognition that the universe has a ruler and that the proper response before that ruler is to bow . . . it's worshipful submission.**



## **NIV Application Commentary**

**The Lord has established his throne in  
heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

**Psalm 103:19**

**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**

**Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell?” And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.**

**Job 28:20,28**

**Whoever fears the Lord has a secure  
fortress, and for their children it will be a  
refuge.**

**Proverbs 14:26**

**And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**

**...and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup>Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.**

**Deuteronomy 10:12-14**

**By calling this covenant “new,” he has made  
the first one obsolete;**

**Hebrews 8:13**

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**“Wisdom’s instruction is to fear the Lord, and  
humility comes before honor.”**

**Proverbs 15:33**

**Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.**

**Acts 9:31**

**Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution;**

**...at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.**

**So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.**



**Hebrews 10:32–36**



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