Quick Review:

- Fears in the Military
- Fears that keep people from Believing
- Fears that hinder Christian Service Are there Healthy fears for Believers?

Proverbs 1:7 (NASB)

7 <u>The fear of the LORD</u> is the beginning of **knowledge**; Fools despise wisdom and instruction. [MORALLY REVERENCE]

Proverbs 9:10 (NASB)

10 **The fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **wisdom**, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 10:27 (NASB)

27 The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Proverbs 19:23 (NASB)

23 The <u>fear of the LORD leads to life</u>, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

Job 28:28 (NASB)

28 "And to man He said, 'Behold, <u>the fear of the Lord</u>, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding." [Job 1:4-5 in case kids cursed God on BD]

Psalm 111:10 (NASB)

10 The <u>fear of the LORD</u> is the beginning of **wisdom**; A good understanding have all those <u>who do *His commandments*</u>; His praise endures forever.

Psalm 112:1 (NASB)

1 Praise the LORD! How **blessed** is the man who **fears the LORD**, Who greatly delights in His commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NASB)

13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: **fear God** and <u>keep His</u> commandments, because this *applies to* every person.

COMMANDED BY GOD:

Deuteronomy 13:4 (NASB)

4 "You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

Deuteronomy 6:13 (NASB)

13 "You shall **fear only the LORD your God**; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

Deuteronomy 10:20 (NASB)

20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.

MORE BENEFITS OF GODLY FEAR:

Proverbs 16:6 (NASB)

6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by **the fear of the LORD** one **keeps away from evil**.

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NASB)

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; <u>Fear the LORD</u> and <u>turn away from evil</u>. 8 It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 14:26-27 (NASB)

26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.

27 The **fear of the LORD is a fountain of life**, That one may avoid the snares of death.

Psalm 147:11 (NASB)

11 <u>The LORD favors those who fear Him</u>, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

Psalm 145:19 (NKJV)

19 He will **fulfill the desire of those who fear Him**; He also will **hear their cry and save them**.

Psalm 34:6-9 (NKJV)

6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good; Blessed *is* the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

FEAR THAT CAUSES PRECAUTION:

The Armor of God:

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NASB)

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- 11 <u>Put on the full armor of God</u>, so <u>that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.</u> 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore, <u>take up the full armor of God</u>, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, 15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Military and various kinds of law enforcement where bullet proof vests or body armor. [Safety Precautions]

Wearing Life Jackets, Key Rings that Float, Wearing Sunglasses, Passwords, Encryption, Insurances, Seat belts, Alarm Clocks, Vaccinations, and all the safety precautions we use to protect our children and society in general.

Locks, smoke-CO-Radon detectors, Alarm systems:

The Watchman:

Ezekiel 33:1-9 [Was to warn of coming danger]

Mark 13:35-37 (KJV)

35 <u>Watch ye therefore</u>: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, <u>Watch</u>.

Matthew 24:42-43 (NKJV)

42 <u>Watch therefore</u>, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, <u>he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into</u>.

The Ungodly don't Fear the Lord.

Romans 3:18 (NASB)

18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES." [Fools & Wicked] Philippians 2:9-11 (NASB)

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What do you FEAR?

Hell?

The you need to come to Christ in FAITH.

The Gospel: A Biblical Plan of Salvation

- Man is sinful. (We must realize that we are not perfect.)
 Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
- The Penalty of Sin is Death (God's Justice requires a payment for sin.)
 Romans 6:23
 " For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- God's Holiness requires perfection (Holiness cannot tolerate sin.)
 Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."
- Man cannot earn perfection (We cannot make ourselves PERFECT) *
 Ephesians 2:8,9
 " For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."
- Christ made the complete payment for all sin and offers His Righteousness.- (We need the Perfection/Righteousness of God to go to Heaven.)
 Cor. 5:21 "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of god in Him.'
- God only requires Faith for salvation (Believe, Trust Accept, Etc.)
 John 3:16
 " For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
- A believer can know Now that he is Eternally Saved
 1 John 5:13
 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."