



Good Fear

PROVERBS 14:26-27

Baby Dedication Sunday

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In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.



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PURPOSE

To discuss the immeasurable value of the ‘Fear of the Lord’, so that we embrace it for our salvation and model it for our children

The
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of the Fear
of the Lord

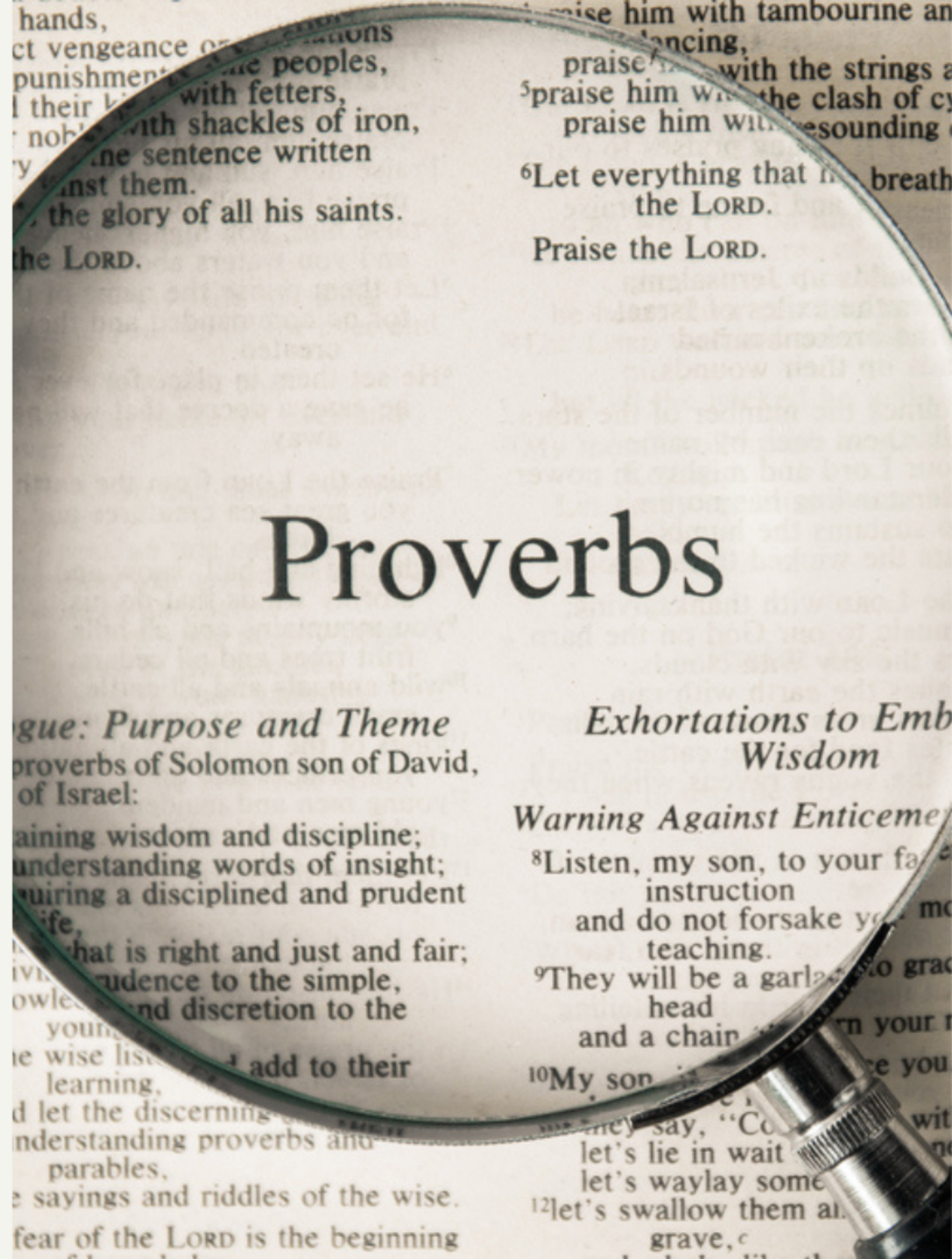
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The *Context* of the Fear of the Lord

- Proverbs is Scripture on wisdom.
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- Wisdom means skill for living and God gives it freely - James 1:5
- Proverbs frequents the term “Fear of the Lord”



The *Context* of the Fear of the Lord

- **1:7** - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- **8:13** - The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.
- **9:10** - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- **10:27** - The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

The *Context* of the Fear of the Lord

- **15:16** - Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure with trouble.
- **16:6** - In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.
- **19:23** - The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.
- **23:17** - Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.

The *Concept* of the Fear of the Lord



- It is a Spiritual characteristic or mindset that results in allegiance and obedience.
- **It's Reverence** - Awe, amazement, dread and Mystifying
- **It's Respect** - Mindful of his great might, authority and severity. (Internal)
- **It's Regard** - To honor, worship, glorify and proclaim the Lord. (External)
- **It's Remembrance** - God's greatness should be constant on the mind.
- **It's Reward** - Fearing the Lord has consequence! *#trust&hope*

The *Constraint* of the Fear of the Lord



- The fear of the Lord promises Refuge and Protection. **#Kept**
- This quality of life is a demonstration to those around us. **#Modeling**
- God's grace is extended through His law, commands rules and regulations.
- The Almighty Father knows the darkness and sorrow of a lost soul and gives Word to prevent it. **#Protection**
- With God, obedience is profitable and protective even if outcome is unclear.
- Focus over distraction, purpose over aimlessness, control over haphazardness comes from the fear of the Lord.

The *Convert* of the Fear of the Lord



- We can choose to fear of the Lord.
- Consider the future.
- Be honest about the past.
- Make the decision to reverence, respect and regard God for His great power, authority and love.
- Look to Jesus!
- Be a God-Fearer!