

Sermon Series: Walking in Wisdom Sermon Title: Fearing the God Who is Worthy Scripture: Selected Passages Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, January 9, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Proverbs 1:7; Romans 3:18; Proverbs 9:10 -

I. FEARING THE GOD WHO IS WORTHY

- 1) God desires for us to fear, love, and reverence Him according to <u>truth</u> (who He really is!). *Isaiah 40:9-14; Colossians 2:3; Isaiah 40:15-20 -*
- 2) We cannot rightly fear, love, and reverence God without His <u>help</u> (His grace and Spirit!). *Jeremiah 32:38-41a; Proverbs 1:29 -*
- 3) Understanding God's "greatness" and "goodness" can lead us to fear and worship Him! Greatness... *Isaiah 40; Job 38-41; Job 40:3-5; Job 42:5-6 -*

Goodness... Psalm 86:11-13; Psalm 130:1-8; Romans 8:31b-34 -

4) Two subtle <u>enemies</u> of fearing and loving God are self-righteousness and self-sufficiency. *Proverbs 2:1-8 -*

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What does it mean to "fear God"? How would you explain that to someone?

2. Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)?

3. Can we properly fear God on our own, without God's help and grace? Why or why not?

- 4. When it comes to fearing God, why is it essential that we see both His greatness and goodness?
- 5. What are some enemies that hinder us from fearing God as we should?