

FEAR NOT, PART 3
THE RIGHT KIND OF FEAR
Exodus 1:8-22

Fearing God diffuses all other fears.

An EXPLANATION of the fear of the Lord

The mandate concerning the fear of the Lord—a widespread theme throughout the Scriptures

The misconceptions about the fear of the Lord—God’s eagerness to punish, oppress, or condemn

The meaning of the fear of the Lord—to stand in awe of; to honor, respect, worship, revere, or serve

The motivation for the fear of the Lord—the startling grace and goodness of a forgiving God

An EXAMPLE of the fear of the Lord

Pharaoh’s order for the midwives to kill—the tendency of oppressors to fear the people they oppress

A lost sense of the fear of God—a skewing of our sense of right and wrong toward selfish gain

God’s kindness to the courageous midwives—the surprising gift of families of their own

The two sources of the midwives’ courage—heavenly accountability and earthly community

An EXPLORATION of the fear of the Lord

The paradoxical nature of fear—how the right kind of fear dismisses all other fears

The sweeter side of fear—its compatibility with celebration, joy, praise, and love

The end of all fear—the perfect love of God as fully displayed in Jesus Christ