

Pentecostal Assembly Church  
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## The Fear of the Lord

### **Psalms 10:2**

*The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

### **Two things that have a strangle hold on our western culture.**

Prosperity – causes a man to feel as if he can never fall.

Enslavement – causes a man to feel as if he can never rise.

### **Psalms 10:3**

*For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.*

An interesting discussion of the wicked takes place in the book of Job. Zophar implied that Job was going through this judgement because of wickedness. He described the prosperity of the wicked as short.

### **Job 20:4-5**

*4 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,*

*5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?*

Job begins to speak a rebuttal in Job chapter 21.

### **Job 21:7-9**

*7 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?*

*8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.*

***9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.***

The wicked excel, grow old and have great influence.

It appears in the present that the rod of the Lord is spared from them.

Because of this judgement being delayed...

### **Psalms 10:4-6**

*4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, **will not seek after God:** God is not in all his thoughts.*

*5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.*

***6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.***

The wicked lack wisdom because of prosperity.

**Job 21:10-15** - It all seems to be going right...Why do I need God?

**Matthew 19:23-26** – “a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

Finally, Job writes of the result of wickedness.

**Job 27:13-19**

Where is wisdom found then? - This question is the key today!

**Job 28:12**

*But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?*

**Job 28:13-19** There is no price that can buy wisdom.

**Job 28:20** *Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?*

**Job 28:28**

*And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*

**Proverbs 8:11-13**

*11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.*

*12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.*

*13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

**Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.* - Fools despise the fear of the Lord!

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

*11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

**This is our commission, to fear the Lord and persuade men!**