Awe - a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder.

I had awe for my father in his presence but I could go from his presence and do what I wanted. I have an awe for government and police when I am in their presence but they are not with me every second.

I have a holy awe of the Lord God of Heaven's Armies. He is with me every second whether I know it or not.

**Slide 6.** [Ecc 12:10-14 KJV] 10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and [that which was] written [was] upright, [even] words of truth. 11 The words of the wise [are] as goads, and as nails fastened [by] the masters of assemblies, [which] are given from one shepherd. 12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books [there is] no end; and much study [is] a weariness of the flesh. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.

## Slide 7. Two types of Fear

[2Ti 1:7 KJV] 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

[1Pe 2:17 KJV] 17 Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

## Slide 8. Two Types of Holiness

#### **Positional Holiness**

[Eph 1:4 KJV] 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

#### **Practical or Behavioral Holiness**

[1Pe 1:14-16 KJV] 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

#### Holy Fear of God puts restraints in our lives.

**Slide 9.** [Neh 5:15 KJV] 15 But the former governors that [had been] before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

[2Co 7:1 KJV] 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

[Psa 19:9 KJV] 9 The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether.

[Eph 5:21 KJV] 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

#### Human Fear can override Behavioral Holy Fear. Abraham feared the people.

**Slide 10.** Gen 20:11 KJV] 11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God [is] not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. **Same Father, Terah.** 

[1Sa 15:24 KJV] 24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

## Lack of Holy Fear Move us Out of His Presence Because we Lack Behavioral Holliness

**Slide 11.** [Eph 4:30-32 KJV] 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

[Eph 4:30-32 NLT] 30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

#### Why do we Lose the Fear of God? How can we lose the Fear of God?

Slide 12. [Eph 4:22-27 KJV] 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.

[1Co 15:30-31 KJV] 30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? 31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

### **Selfishness and Selfish Ambition**

[1Sa 30:22-23 KJV] 22 Then answered all the wicked men and [men] of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them [ought] of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead [them] away, and depart. 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

**Slide 13.** [1Sa 30:23 NLT] 23 But David said, "No, my brothers! Don't be selfish with what the LORD has given us. He has kept us safe and helped us defeat the band of raiders that attacked us.

#### **Disciples of Jesus Cannot be Selfish**

**Slide 14.** [Mat 16:24 NLT] 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.

[Gal 5:20 NLT] 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,

**Slide 15.** [PhI 1:16-17 KJV] 16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

[PhI 1:17 NLT] 17 Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me.

#### Hate – Hate the things God hates. If you worship false gods you hate God.

**Slide 16.** [Exo 20:5 KJV] 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me;

#### The Lord hates evil.

**Slide 17 & 18.** [Pro 6:16-19 KJV] 16 These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

[Pro 8:13 KJV] 13 The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

# Slide 19. Deciding you know what is best for you in this life. Satan thought he knew.

[Pro 14:12 KJV] 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

[Pro 16:25 KJV] 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.

[Pro 4:23 KJV] 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

### Slide 20. Seek His Presence in Holy Fear

[Exo 33:7 KJV] 7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, [that] every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which [was] without the camp.

[Mat 6:9 KJV] 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

#### Fear Before God Brings Us Into His presence. Praise Him!

[Ecc 8:12 KJV] 12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his [days] be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

[Ecc 12:13 KJV] 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

**Slide 21.** [Isa 6:3 KJV] 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.

[Isa 12:6 KJV] 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great [is] the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee