

Fear of the Lord

- Genesis 20:11 - What exactly is that?
- Psalm 22:22-23 - "You who fear the Lord" is parallel to "All you descendants of Jacob" and "All you offspring of Israel"
- Psalm 85:8-9 - His salvation is near to those who fear Him.
- Psalm 115:11 - The Lord is a shield to those who fear Him; v.13 - He blesses those who fear Him.
- Luke 1:50 - His mercy is on those who fear Him.

- What exactly does it mean to fear the Lord? This is not a one-dimensional, cut-and-dry answer. It is multi-faceted and has multiple layers. However, there is a large connection between fearing God and the Torah.

What is the fear of the LORD?

(1) It causes one to have wisdom.

- 3374 yirah n. • Job 28:28 [v. 20-28]
- Psalm 90:11 [v. 11-12]; 111:10 [v. 5-10]
- Proverbs 1:7 [v. 2-7], 29; 2:5 [v. 1-9]; 8:13; 9:10; 15:33 [v. 31-33]
- Isaiah 33:6 [v. 5-6]
- 3372 yare v. • Zephaniah 3:7 [v. 1-context]
- 5401 phobos (fo-bos) n. • Ephesians 5:21 [v. 17-21]

* Wisdom is having Godly knowledge, which causes one to walk uprightly.

(2) It causes one not to sin, to come to repentance, and to walk justly

- yirah • Exodus 20:20
- Nehemiah 5:9, 15 [v. 7-context]
- Psalm 5:7 [v. 4-8]; 34:11 [v. 11-18]
- Proverbs 10:27 [v. 27-29]; 14:26-27; 16:6; 19:23, 29; 22:4-5; 23:17
- yare • Job 1:1, 8
- Psalm 66:16 [v. 16-19]; 130:4 [v. 3-4]
- Proverbs 14:2; 3:7
- 6343 pachad • Psalm 36:1 [v. 1-4]
- phobos • Romans 3:18 [v. 10-17]
- 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Philippians 2:12-13
- 5397 phobos (fo-bos) v. • Acts 10:35 [v. 34-35]

(3) It causes one to rule in justice → fair judgements

- yirah • 2 Samuel 23:3 • 2 Chronicles 19:9 • Isaiah 11:2-3
- v. 7 - pachad



yare [• Job 37:24 [v.23-24]

(4) It causes one to be content

yirah [• Proverbs 15:16

(5) It causes one to be humble

phobos [• 1 Corinthians 1:18
• 1 Peter 3:15

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thessebia [• 1 Timothy 2:10 - reverence towards God
(they-o-sayj-bay-ah)
n.

(6) In a positive sense, it causes one to obey out of love and reverence.
In a negative sense, it causes one to fear and tremble because of looming judgement

yirah [• Psalm 2:11 [v.10-12]

• Exodus 1:17 ; 3:6 → Isaiah 6:5 ; 9:20-21, 30 ; 14:31 - "believed" - aman 539 - to have trust (faith)

• Leviticus 19:14, 32 → judgements are in chap. 20

• Deut. 6:13 [v.13-15]

yare v. [• 1 Kings 8:40, 43 [v.37-43] :

• 2 Kings 17:24-41 - 11 instances of the word "fear"

• Psalm 33:8-9 ; 66:3-7 3:5 ; 76:7-9 ; 89:7 fear = reverence ; 96:4

• Isaiah 59:19 [v.15-20]

• Jeremiah 5:22, 24 [v.20-25]

• Haggai 1:12 [v.12-15]

• Malachi 1:14 ; 3:5 ; 4:5 → dreadful

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yare
adj. [• Genesis 22:12

• Deut. 25:18 - Wait... didn't gentiles have a different set of rules?

• Psalm 31:19 - fear → trust

• Ecclesiastes 8:12-13

• Malachi 4:2

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arats [• Isaiah 29:23 [v.22-24]

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emah [• Exodus 23:27

phobos [• Acts 9:31

• 2 Corinthians 5:11

phobos [• Matthew 10:28

• Luke 12:5 ; 23:40

• Colossians 3:22 [v.22-25]

• Rev. 14:7

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calabeia [• Hebrews 5:8 ; 12:28

(you-la'-bay-ah)

2125 [• Hebrews 11:7

calabeomai
(you-la'-bay'-o-my)

(free-so)

5425, phrisso [• James 2:19 → Matthew 8:29



(7.) Connected to the Torah & God's ways

- yirah
- Psalm 19:7 v.7-11 words connected to "law" ; 119:38
 - Isaiah 63:17 v.15-19
- yare v.
- Deut. 5:29 ; 6:2, 24 ; 8:6 [v.1-6] ; 10:12-22 → 12, 17, 20, 21 ; 13:4 ; 14:23 ; 17:19 [v.18-20] ; 31:12, 13 [v.9-13]
 - Joshua 24:14
 - 1 Samuel 12:13-24 → 14, 18, 24
 - 2 Chron. 6:31-33
 - Nehemiah 1:5, 11 ; 9:32 → Exodus 20:4
 - Psalm 34:4-9 → v.4, 7, 9 ; 86:11 ; 112:1 ; 119:63
 - Ecc. 3:14 ; 12:13
 - Jeremiah 32:39 v.38-40 v.40 - yirah
 - Daniel 9:4
- yare adj.
- Exodus 18:21 - men of truth = fear God
 - Psalm 25:12, 14 [v.12-15] ; 103:11-18 → v.11, 13, 17 ; 128:1 ; 145:19 [v.18-19]
 - Proverbs 13:13 ; 14:2
 - Isaiah 29:13 [v.11-13] ; 50:10
 - Malachi 2:5 → morah 4172, yare, & chatat 2865 are all used
 - Torah of truth was in his mouth
 - Injustice (evil-5766 → unrighteousness, lawlessness) was not found on his lips
 - He walks in peace (shalom) & equity (mishor 4334 from yashar - righteousness)
 - He turns many away (shuv) from sin (avon - 5771)
- phobeo
- Acts 10:2, 22 ; 13:16, 26 - "Phoboumenoi ton Theon" or "Yare Hashamaim" - one who is not converted to Judaism, but keeps certain Jewish customs, such as the Sabbath and dietary laws.
 - Revelation 11:18 ; 19:5

This is how we need to live our lives:

Psalm 119:73-80 yare → used both times
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