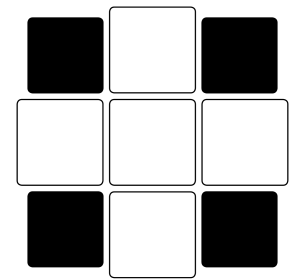


Fear God

Scripture: **Luke 12:4–7**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

In this section of Scripture, Jesus addresses his disciples about the importance of fearing the Lord rather than men as well as knowing that He cares his people. In these four verses, we see that man has limited power (v.4), God has ultimate authority (v.5), and that God cares for his people (vv.6–7). We, along with the disciples, have a tendency to elevate the opinions of man and often do not consider God. The fear of man derives identity, value, and meaning from others' opinions of us. The problem is not *that* we fear, but *who* we fear. We must fear God. The fear of God is a reverential awe—knowing our need of Him and walking confidently in His love. **Fearing God is the only cure for our crippling fear of man.**

Corroborating Texts

1 Peter 1:3; Psalm 63:3; Proverbs 29:25; Romans 3:18; Isaiah 11:1; Job 4:6; Romans 8:31

Discussion Questions

1. Why should we not fear those who can kill the body?
2. Why should we fear God? [God has the power to kill (He can give and take life); God has the authority to cast into hell (He is the Judge)]
3. Is the doctrine of hell uncomfortable for you? Why?
4. Why do we not fear God as we should? [we settle for a snapshot and not reverential awe of God. And then we easily fall into the fear of man]
5. Where do we see the care of God for us in this passage? Why does Jesus include verses 6–7 right after telling his disciples to fear God and not men?
6. What are four signs that someone is fearing God? [Living with an eternal perspective, Quick to repent, Love people instead of using them, Walk Confidently]
7. To the believer: What are you afraid of? To the unbeliever What is giving you a false sense of security?