

Godly Fear

Fear is a subject of great importance. Yet it is often either neglected or misunderstood by Christians today. During the season of his ministry in which persecution is beginning to increase, Jesus teaches his disciples and us three important lessons regarding godly fear. Godly fear...

1. ...Is not driven by worldly concerns...
 - a. This world has limited, temporary power
 - b. Persecution in this world is of no consequence in heaven

2. ...But is a response to eternal realities...
 - a. Fear is an essential part of the Christian life (*Acts 9:31; Romans 11:20; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:17*)
 - b. God has infinite, eternal power
 - c. He can send to hell - gehenna

3. ...That is grounded in a secure relationship
 - a. We know that we are valued by God
 - b. Despite our unworthiness

Application:

1. Are we afraid of the right things?

2. Are we confident in our relationship with the One who is alone to be feared?