

**Kingdom Values:**  
**Fear of Man vs Fear of God**

**Isaiah 50:10-11**

# **Isaiah 50:1-3**

God speaking to the children of  
Israel in exile.

“Where is your mother’s certificate of divorce with which I sent her away?  
Or to which of my creditors did I sell you?

**Because of your sins** you were sold;  
**because of your transgressions**  
your mother was sent away.” (Isa.50:1)

# Isaiah 50:1-3

- They have sinned their way into exile. (v.1)
- God is more than able to bring them back. (v.2b-3)
- **Why did none of them come to him when He called? (v.2a)**

# Isaiah 50:4-9

The **Servant** speaking.

# Characteristics of the Servant

- This Servant is a gifted counselor. His words sustain the weary, for he himself has an ear for all the Sovereign Lord says, and he has not been rebellious (Isa.50:4-5—unlike Israel).

**D. A. Carson, *For the Love of God***

# Characteristics of the Servant

- He does not draw back from obedience (Isa. 50:5), even in the face of cruel abuse (Isa. 50:6; cf. Matt. 27:30; Mark 14:65; 15:19).

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# Characteristics of the Servant

- The Sovereign Lord sustains him in his mission, so he sets his face like a flint to complete the task assigned to him (Isa.50:7; cf. Luke 9:51), confident that God will finally vindicate him (Isa.50:7-9; cf. Phil. 2:9-11).

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# Isaiah 50:4-9

The **Servant** refers to a messianic figure: **Jesus Christ**

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A short exhortation.

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**“a line is drawn in the sand, and  
this line concerns the Servant.” (D.  
A. Carson)**

# **Fear of God**

New Testament references:

**2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 5:21;  
Colossians 3:22; 1 Peter 1:17**

# **Fear of God**

Is it to be afraid of God?

# **Fear of God**

To fear God is to have a deep sense of **awe and reverence** for God. It carries feelings of respect and admiration.



# **Fear of God**

“It focuses not upon the wrath of God but upon the majesty, holiness, and transcendent glory of God.”

**Jerry Bridges, *The Practice of Godliness***

# Fear of Man

- Crippling effect
- Lead us on a wrong and dangerous road – a road marked by compromise, unrighteousness and turning away from God.

**“Men who fear God face life fearlessly. Men who do not fear God end up fearing everything.”**

**(Richard Halverson)**

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# God's Grace and Power

“I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and **I will inspire them to fear me**, so that they will never turn away from me.”

(Jeremiah 32:40)

# Tap into God's Grace and Power

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