INTRODUCTION:

(Prov. 9:10) "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and knowledge of the holy gives understanding"

"fear of the Lord" may be defined in 3 areas:

- 1) To be in awe of God; to reverence; holy fear that sees His majesty; I stand amazed.
- 2) To exercise caution; apprehension; to walk in a manner that avoids disaster.
- 3) Really tremble; scared; terrified; frightened; extreme dread. (2 Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:30-31)

1. GOD IS TO BE "FEARED"

(Psalm 89:6-8) "... God is greatly to be feared ... "
(Jer. 10:6-7) "... Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? ... "

2. PROMISES TO THOSE WHO "FEAR" GOD

- 1) Provision: (Psalm 34:8-10) "... there is no want upon them that fear him ... "
- 2) Protection: (Psalm 33:18-19) "... the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ... "
- 3) Purity: (Psalm 103:12-13) "... he removed our transgressions from us ... them that fear him"
- 4) Plenty: (Psalm 128:1-4) "Blessed is every one that fears the Lord ... "
- 5) Prolonged days: (Prov. 10:27) "The fear of the Lord prolongs days ... "
- 6) Perpetuity: it means the continuation of a thing. (Deut. 5:29; Psalm 103:17)

3. HOW DO WE LEARN TO "FEAR GOD?"

It must be taught! In Bible class and worship assembly, other meetings, at home, etc.

(Deut. 4:9-10) "... I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me ... "

(Psalm 86:11) "Teach me thy way, O Lord ... unite my heart to fear thy name."

(Deut. 17:18-20) "... that he may learn to fear the Lord his God ... "

(Psalm 111:10) "Fear ... wisdom ... understanding ... they that do his commandments ... "

(Deut. 31:10, v12-13) "... hear, and learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do ... "
(the congregation held a Fear-God Conference every 7 years)

Joshua taught: (Joshua 24:14) "... fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth ... "