

## Godly Wisdom

**Proverbs 9:10 states, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of WISDOM: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”** This is a wonderful scripture that is often quoted by members of the church body but is often misunderstood and used out of context. This is a key text that is foundational to one true, holy religion and is the gateway to a real and fruitful relationship with the Almighty.

The text indicates that the reverence of God is where the basis of our eternal bliss and well being on earth actually begins like an unseen underwater stream that suddenly burst on the scene. It starts as a trickle but soon becomes a mighty torrent of water. This Holy fear not only includes the reverence for the celestial majesty and awesome wonders that God has exhibited and is capable of but it includes the dread of his wrath. Many of us are going about our Christian lives learning as much as we can through our multi-media. We are buying books on the names of God, divine purpose, Christian prosperity or spiritual warfare. We are diligently searching to know about the history of Christ or archeological evidence that proves some new fangled theory or thumbs up its nose at some old scientific find. These pursuits have some profit but they are nothing if the foundation has not been built and that is in the simple acknowledgement that Jesus Christ is Lord in your heart and mind. Everything else we will do in the name of Christ will spring from this fountain of love and honor. When we reverence The Lord as our father but also our master then we can begin the journey of understanding the mystery which is holiness.

Holiness is not our natural nature and reverence is the opposite response that we, rebellious sons of Adam, are born with. When we are able to humble ourselves and even physically bow down to God, who is the definition of what we need, then His nature and power can be imparted to us while He is renewing our minds. There are many Christian intellectuals who can, and have, written many books on Christ but they have no respect for His Deity or the ways of righteousness. When we doubt the immutability of the word and scoff at principles that are set forth in the word then we are in danger of losing our reverence and thereby our wisdom. Yes, if you have a fear of the Lord then you will have the promise of understanding. When that fear is lost or diminished then you will find the ways of God become confusing and can even cause anger. His judgments no longer fit into a mind that is now seeking only logic over holy obeisance. God is a king and requires obedience before rendering the gift which all men crave. That great gift is simply to know and understand, Why?

We are not here to study to make arguments and become better debaters. **We study according to 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15 “to shew thyself APPROVED unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** If we are to be true workman for God, then we must understand that we represent Him. What kind of representative bad talks the institution that your boss built and that you work for? Who can be a rep for a boss that you don't really know or agree with? If you don't respect Him then how do you expect the employees that come after you to feel? The bottom line is that we must go back to where we started and recognize that though our Lord is our friend, He is also the master of the universe with horrible power and might. Our lives depend on His will and He alone is worthy to be praised. Let's watch how we speak and refer to this great master. Let's observe how we present ourselves before His presence and in His house. More importantly than all those things is this: *let's begin to do what He has commanded.* If His approval is what we seek then we must do it His way. More church time or joining more auxiliaries is not the answer. **The answer is to go back into your secret place and just bow before God reminding yourself that He is the royalty of heaven and earth and that we are not just saved people but privileged saints.**