

Series: Biblical Wisdom

Scriptures: Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

Title: **What Are You Afraid Of?** The 'fear of the Lord' as the Beginning of Wisdom

Modern society provides us with all kinds of safety nets. We shouldn't be afraid of anything. Whether the American promise of 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness', or our Canadian (Commonwealth) commitment to 'Peace, Order, and Good Government', we expect to live free of fear. What, then, does the Bible (especially the Wisdom Literature) mean when it tells us to 'Fear God'? Is it a throwback to an ancient religion of terror? Today we look at the 'fear of the Lord' and why we need it.

**I.** What does it mean?

**II.** Why does it matter?

**III.** How does it happen?