



Sermon series: Fighting Fear with Fear  
Text: Exodus 19:9-12, 16-20; 20:18-21  
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## The Forgotten Fear

*Big Idea: Fear of God is the right response to who God is.*

To \_\_\_\_\_ God is to \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Exodus 9:9-12, 16-20)

1. We should fear God because He is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We should fear God because He is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We should fear God because He is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of God will lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ fear of God.  
(Exodus 20:18-21)

1. A diseased fear can cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. A diseased fear can cause us to live as \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:15)

A \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of God will lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ joy in God.  
(Exodus 19:9; Exodus 20:18-21)

1. We fear God not only because He is big, but also because He \_\_\_\_\_ us. (Exodus 19:4)
2. We fear God not only because He is holy, but also because He \_\_\_\_\_ our sins. (Psalm 130:4)
3. We fear God not only because He is powerful, but also because He is \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

Takeaway: Fight your lesser fears by \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.



*If you had to describe to someone in your own words what it means to fear God how would you describe it?*

*Where in your own life have you experienced something that was big, strange, or powerful? How can the feeling you experienced in that moment give a window into the type of fear we should have for God?*

*Are you more prone to emphasize God's transcendence and how big and great he is or his immanence and how near and close he is? How can an overemphasis on either end be problematic for our lives?*

*Are there ways that you have experienced a "diseased fear of God" in your own life? Are you more prone to avoid God out of fear or to turn to legalism out of fear?*

*Why should God's love, mercy, and goodness cause us to fear him?*

*What impact should it have on us when we know that the same God who descended on Mount Sinai is the God who died for us on the cross?*

*Out of the two illustrations given of the type of fear we should have for God, which one connected with you more? Can you think of other examples of what the right fear of God might look and feel like?*

*What's one area in your life that soaking in the greatness and goodness of God could help you not to fear? Be specific about how this could help.*

*What's one way you can spend time soaking in the greatness and goodness of God this week? Be specific and plan to do it.*

**Further Resources:**

- [How Could Forgiveness Possibly Lead to Fear? – The Gospel Coalition](#)
- [Let Fear Deliver You From Fear – Desiring God](#)
- [Rejoice and Tremble: The Surprising Good News of the Fear of the Lord – Michael Reeves](#)