

The background of the slide features a close-up, high-angle view of an open book. The pages are fanned out, creating a series of curved lines that lead the eye towards the center. A pencil is visible on the left side, and a pen nib is on the right side, both resting on the pages. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of beige, cream, and light brown.

**PETER'S TEACHING ABOUT
MANNER OF LIFE, # 2**



I. The Christian's manner of life is to be characterized by fear.

“And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's works, pass (anastrophete) the time of your sojourning here in fear”-KJV, I Peter 1:17.

“And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct (anastrophete) yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear”-NKJV, I Peter 1:17.

CONSIDER ROMANS 3:10-18.

“As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one:

There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips.

Whose mouth is full of bitterness and cursing.

Their feet are swift to shed blood.

Destruction and misery are in their ways.

And the way of peace they have not known.

THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES!”-Romans 3:10-18.

This text gives us a vivid and graphic description of “The World Without Fear Of God!”

Let’s “flip this coin over now,” and we’ll have a great understanding of the difference the fear of God makes!

WHEN FEAR OF GOD EXISTS:

There will be righteous people!

People will understand God’s way and seek after Him!

Those who fear God will do good, they will not leave His way, and they will be profitable in their labors for the Lord!

Those who fear God will use their throat, tongues, and lips to speak truth, and no vileness, corruption, nor poison will come from their lips!

Those who fear God will not have a mouth filled with cursing and bitterness!

Instead of being swift in using their feet to shed blood, they will use their feet to hasten to make peace!

Those who fear God will not have spiritual misery and destruction!

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him”-Acts 10:34 & 35. See Acts 10:2, 22.

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”-Matthew 10:28.

Please note in this context, the Lord makes it clear that failure to have proper fear of the Lord results in failure to fulfill the great commission-see verses 29-38.

“And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation”-Luke 1:50.

Question: Do we as Christians want God to be merciful to our children and grandchildren?

If we do, we must set the example of fearing God in our lives, so that hopefully our descendants will follow in our steps!!

CONSIDER THE STRONG PARALLEL BETWEEN FEARING GOD, AND LOVING GOD!

THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS;

“And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

He that saith, I know him, but keepeth not his

commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him”-I John 2:3-5.

**THOSE WHO FEAR GOD KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS:**

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”-Ecclesiastes 12;13 & 14.

Question: Should Christians not draw the conclusion that one who fears God is also one that loves God?

REMEMBER, THE THRUST OF THIS LESSON IS THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY FEARING HIM DURING THEIR SOJOURN HERE ON THIS EARTH!!

II. It was fear of the Lord that led Cornelius to obey the gospel!

A. Prior to his baptism, Cornelius was one who feared God-see Acts 10:2.

B. Peter said to Cornelius and those with him, *“Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him”- Acts 10:34 & 35.*

C. Cornelius and those with him were baptized:

“Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?”

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord”-Acts 10:47 & 48.