



## **Veritas in Prayer**

### **Fear of the Lord**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

Father, we pray that You will write Your Word on all of our hearts. **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)** May our faith in Christ be the controlling principle for our understanding of the world, our attitudes, and our actions. Fear of man and the culture is stifling, Lord, but by contrast a healthy fear of You, our loving, Heavenly Father, leads to respect, reverence, and trust. Lord, liberate us from being controlled by the “fear of man” and this culture in which we live. You are our governing authority, and we can rest in this truth. At the same time, by living differently from this culture, may we be subject to rulers and authorities, obey, and be ready for every good work. **“May we speak evil of no one, live peaceably, and gently, showing humility to all.” (Titus 3:1)**

#### **Prayer**

**By trusting in You and having a healthy fear of You, we may rest, be still, and know that You are God. You hold us in the palm of Your hands, Amen.**

#### **Scriptures to Meditate upon to Fear the Lord**

**Psalm 119: 9,11: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

**2 Timothy 2:22: I urge, then, first of all that petitions, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.**

**Proverbs 8:13: To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.**

#### **Question to Meditate Upon**

Do my actions reflect fear of man or fear of God?

Do we simply just keep a set of rules because we are afraid of God, or do we desire to please the Lord with a pure heart?

#### **A Final Prayer**

**Lord, We pray that You will write Your Word not only on the hearts of our children but on all of us. We desire to choose obedience of hating sin and loving Your Holiness. Work in our lives the holy fear of You and the righteousness of Jesus. Amen.**