

# TO FEAR AND LOVE GOD

— Elias Aslaksen —

THEME 3

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## Judge NOT!

It's written that pride comes before a fall. One places oneself as a judge over all kinds of things and all kinds of people. There's something that's called Godly fear, a fear of God, a fear of displeasing God, a fear of being in opposition to Him. What can we fear more than that? It's the worst of anything. And yet even of that people aren't afraid. There's very little Godly fear dear friends.

But it is yet comparatively good amongst us and that's a result of there being as much Godly fear as there is but there are many dear brothers and sisters who to a great degree lack Godly fear. The word says what it means. To fear, to be afraid of getting God against you, or being at odds with God without loving his word. Fear of displeasing him in any way whatsoever.

And the worst way – primary worst way that is to have high thoughts about yourself that is called pride, and it's called arrogance and conceit and to be wise in oneself. Something that you think, you delude yourself with that is not true. It's the exact opposite of what is true.

Paul wrote that by the grace of God I am what I am. Yes, that's exactly the same as because of a lack of God's grace I am no more than what I am, unfortunately. It hasn't come to more than what it has because of a lack of God's grace and God gives grace to the humble and therefore a lack of humility. We can all take that to heart.

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It's not possible that it's so good with any one of us that it couldn't be better. At any rate there's a little lack of humility in the very best circumstances and in most circumstances there's a tremendous lack of humility. The most common that is to criticize and to judge and there are many friends who do that.

There are a number who have it like this, they are so humble that they don't begin to judge the older brothers, but you could almost say that they make up for it with everyone else. The ones they think they can judge. But what's written? It's not written don't judge too much, it's not written don't judge too quickly it's written judge not – n o t – NOT!

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# Question

In the message "Judge not" Aslaksen says that pride is the worst thing when it comes do being at odds with God. Which of these thoughts would you say are pride? You can talk about it in your group.

- "I'm good at ..."
- "I have fallen so often that I have used up all my chances."
- "Luckily I don't have problems with the same things he/she does!"
- "What she/he said wasn't right."

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## The fear of God

In the deepest sense of the word, the fear of God—according to the yardstick of God’s Word—can almost not be found in this world!!! Alas! Alas! Alas! Jesus said, “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?” Luke 6:46. If He is our Lord then we are His servants bound to obey Him in all things! Almost no one sees it like that.

“Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.” Ps. 90:11. A true and entire fear of God has the effect that we comprehend and realize how very angry and irate God is against all kinds of sin, in all its forms and nuances and in all degrees!

The more we fear to displease God, to transgress His laws and commandments, the more quickly we will distance ourselves from all manner of sin and transgression, and the more diligently and with even greater joy and seriousness, and even more willingly, we will wholeheartedly keep all His words! Who is really, in deadly earnest, afraid to miss out on all of salvation because of empty talk? Jas. 1:26. Or by neglecting to do any of all the good things he has opportunity to do? Jas. 4:17.

Are you really afraid of it, dear friend?

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# Question

In the article "The Fear of God," Aslaksen writes about how angry God is against sin. Write down a Bible verse that describes this. Now find a Bible verse that shows how much He loves you.

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## Keep Yourselves from Idols // 1 John 5:21

In Chapter 2, verse 15 we find an apt description of what idols are, generally speaking: the things of this world! This is in harmony with the apostle Paul's explanation: "Covetousness, which is idolatry"!

In other words, the things which one covets to possess, receive, purchase, etc., are idols. In Philippians 3:18-19 we also have an explanation of this idolatry which is extremely serious: "Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly . . . who set their minds on earthly things." One can both love and admire good food to such an extent that one's belly, that is, good food and much food, is one's god. Paul had often told them this, and he wept grievously over it. V. 18. This is in harmony with what he writes in Romans 1:25: "[They] worshiped the creature rather than the Creator . . ." For this very reason it is impossible to love money and God at the same time!!!

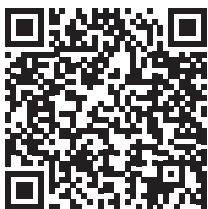
"Now we all have unlimited opportunity to be liberated from all manner of idolatry in our life! All glory to the Lord!"

The great prophet Isaiah also spoke seriously about this matter in Isaiah 2:21-22 and 3:16-24. "But the idols He shall utterly abolish." Ch. 2:18. God will do this on the day when His wrath and judgment over all this will be revealed. V. 12. However, the fact of the matter is that Jesus came with a perfect salvation from all this wretchedness that is so common with man!!!

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# Question

In the article "Keep Yourselves from Idols," Aslaksen mentions different examples of idols. When does something become an idol for you?

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## Do God's will as it is done in Heaven

We poor wretches here in this evil world with a flesh in which dwells no good thing. With a strong self-will and strong desires, strong opinions and then to be saved to such a degree that God's will can take place in our lives that we personally, each one of us do God's will as it is done in heaven. And those in heaven don't have any such will to deny but we do and yet we can do God's will as it is done in heaven.

Yes, who thinks that they have done it that way? When we have asked each individual if they thought that they had done God's will then I think each one would hesitate. And if you were to be among one of those few who were to say yes without hesitating then yet it would be necessary to add this question so that it was in accordance with this word here, do you think that you do it AS it is done in heaven?

All God's will is to be done on earth as it is in heaven. And then we can ask how is it in heaven? That's the easiest thing to answer of everything or perhaps better said it's the only thing that is easy to answer. It doesn't take much to understand that.

But it's not certain that we've thought so much about this and therefore it doesn't have such an impact on us either. And therefore, I am glad to be able to bring this out now so that it can have a greater effect on us, a greater impact on us.

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# Question

Listen to the message "Do God's Will." Write down something specific that was God's will for you today. Think about how that can be done here on earth just as it is done in heaven.

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# Commit Your Souls to the Faithful Creator

1 Peter 4:19

What a fitting and weighty expression this is! We are not to live for ourselves or do as we think, but we are to commit our soul to Him and surrender to Him lock, stock, and barrel, with everything that is in us, in full confidence toward Him, the Creator—the One who has created all things and now desires to create something completely new in our inner man. We are not to rely on our human reasoning and feelings, but only and without reservation on Him, on His Word, according to the perfect light of the New Testament.

The motto is: blind trust and simple faithfulness in small and great things. We cannot tell the Creator how He should create! That is His business. Our business is to be totally surrendered to His will. All glory and praise to Him!

Test yourself whether you are really—fully and unreservedly, without any remnant of your own will—committed to Him. If that is not the case, then surrender yourself to Him now, because it is certainly better late than never!

When the soul is being poured out into the death of Christ, we receive a sense for spiritual things. Those who are soulish have not committed their soul to Him.

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# Question

In the article "Commit Your Souls to the Faithful Creator," Aslaksen writes about being committed to God "fully and unreservedly, without any remnant of your own will." What do you think he means with this?

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# You are loved and should love in return

Christianity, repentance, salvation, the gospel - what is it all about? What does God want with us?

It is about two things:

- I. The fact that God loves us. "God so loved the world that He gave ..." John 3:16.
- II. That we love Him in return: "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

Isn't it about a lot of other things as well? No, nothing else at all! Every other good thing is the inevitable result of this! Who loves us with great and pure love? Jesus Christ does. He has demonstrated that powerfully. Who loves Him in return? Everyone who becomes aware of His exalted love, of course.

Because God loves you, with perfect love, there is only one thing He wants for you, and that is to do you good. That is the only thought and plan He has with you. It isn't anything worse than that!

Imagine being loved by him! !! ???

What happiness! How great! What an offer! No wonder that the gospel is called the good and the glad tidings!

Who are you, dear soul, that you should say "No thank you," to this? That you would reject Him? That you would rather choose to be without Him? He has given His life for you, suffered everything for you, atoned for all your sin, paving a way out from all sin and the curse, so that you should be allowed to walk on it! "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ..." 1. Peter 3:18.

Confess your sins and He will forgive you everything! (1. John 1:9.)

Pray for power, and He will strengthen you! He will give you faith, love, spirit and power to do what is right and good in His eyes, and you will be completely happy, always happy! You will get everything you need to put your affairs in order, to acknowledge and make amends for what you have done wrong.

You will receive everything you need from Him who is rich in power and goodness, and who loves you, so you will be able to do what you cannot do now, namely, to do good, and cease from doing evil.

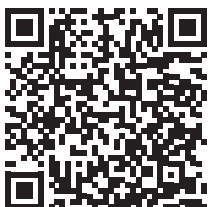
Start loving Him! He loves you! Say "yes" to Him! Love him! Then you will get to experience what His unspeakably great love will bring you in the way of unthinkable and unspeakable happiness and glory in your heart.

Nothing is better than to love and be loved in return! Especially when it is such a Person who loves us and whom we love in return. Do not say "no" to Him! Jesus is calling you now.

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## Question

Read/listen to the article "You are Loved and You Should Love in Return." What does it mean for you to love Jesus in return? Try mentioning a few specific points.

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**PRAY FOR POWER  
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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO



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