

I'm looking forward to no longer being afraid of the **"terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day"** (Psalm 91:5), nor my neighbor, or the person walking toward me not wearing a mask as we take our early morning walks. Fear is a frightening phenomenon. But it is much more. God wants us to fear Him for our own good (Psalms 34:9). It is a matter of perspective. It is foundational to an intimate relationship with God, managing and sizing up all other fears. **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."** (Proverbs 9:10). It is the marching orders for all God's people (Deut. 10:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). Let us refresh a bit of our Mother's Day experience today for all those who lost me last week when our internet access pulled a fast one on us.

God-fearing mothers and others are...

- ***Unafraid***

(Matt. 10: 17, 22, 28; Ps. 27:1-3; John 14:1; Philippians 4:6-7)

- ***A Refuge***

(Psalm 31:19; 34:8, 11-22; Proverbs 14:26-27)

Personal Applications and Conversations

1. What are your earliest and most pleasant memories of learning to fear the Lord?
2. How did your mother manage fear?
3. In what ways are you still struggling with fear?
4. How does God remind you that you need not fear?
5. How are you handling all the terrors by night that come to us courtesy of the nightly news about COVID-19, and the ensuing financial disaster and chaotic political climate?



God-fearing mothers & others

Proverbs 31:28-31

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