



Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

פַּחַד
pāḥaḏ

"To live in fear, terror or have dread about something"

The **fear** of the Lord

יְרֵאָה
yir'āh

"Fear, reverence, devotion"

The **fear** of the Lord

- is the beginning of knowledge - Proverbs 1.7
- adds length to life - Proverbs 10.27
- helps us avoid evil - Proverbs 16.6
- leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble - Proverbs 19.23
- Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life - Proverbs 22.4

“The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with 3,000 chariots, 6,000 charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.”

1 Samuel 13.5-6

“Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear. He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul’s men began to scatter.”

1 Samuel 13.7-8

“I will surely come down to you... but you must wait 7 days.” 1 Samuel 10.8

“So [Saul] said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” And Saul offered up the burnt offering. Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.”

1 Samuel 13.9-10

"Hello? I'm right in front of you!"

Fear of man

"Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling, I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me and I have not sought the Lord's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

1 Samuel 13.11-12

Overspiritualizing and justification

But what pushed out his actions?

Legitimate things can still get in the way of the fear of the Lord!

“Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; **but first...**””

Luke 9.61

What?!?!?!?!?



“Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.””

Matthew 17.4

What will others
say, think or do?



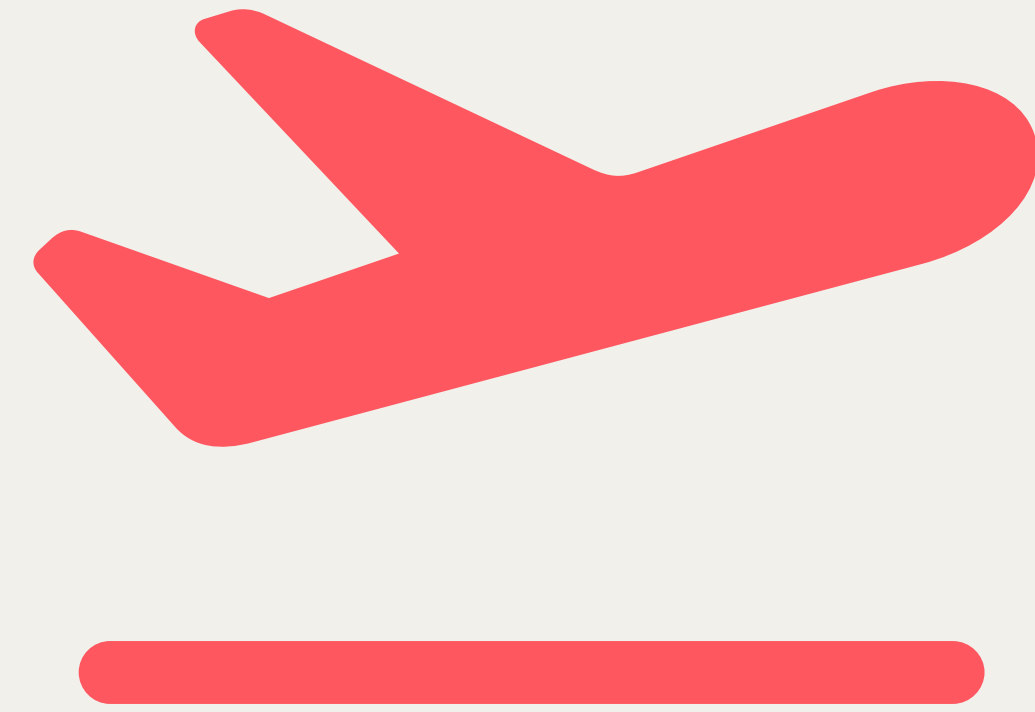
Proverbs 29.25

But how will
this get done?
How will I live?



Luke 10.41

I must stay in
control or I will
be overwhelmed!



Matthew 16.26

So what's the solution?

1. "Rule" = be an umpire

"Let the peace of Christ **rule** in your hearts, since as members of **one body** you were called to peace. And be **thankful.**"

Colossians 3.15

2. Gratitude grounds you

3. You're not called to walk alone

Thank you. 