

SEPTEMBER 19

“WITHOUT PROPER FEAR, FAITH BECOMES PRESUMPTION.”

READ

Hebrews 11:7

In American Christianity, we have lost the holy fear of God. Faith came first and caused holy fear to come into Noah's life, and that ignited his will to obey God. The fear of God is a powerful motivator. Faith is simply obeying what God has said and knowing that He will bring it to pass. Without proper fear, your faith becomes presumption. Without fear and reverence, our life becomes lackadaisical. Think of the ridiculousness of Noah building an ark when it seemed like it was not needed. His fear of the Lord drove him to obey. The Christian life is both walking in reverence of the Lord and standing in confidence with no fear of evil. It's the fear of God that gives us confidence.

PRAY

We live in a culture that does not fear You, God. Many in the church have a casual attitude toward Your holiness. I want to have a proper fear of You that drives me towards obedience and confidence.

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