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**Ps. 111:10, “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endures forever.*”**

The Hebrew word for *fear* is **yirat** which means *to hold in respect, reverence and extreme awe*. This tells us that those who are created are to have a proper attitude toward the Creator. I wonder how most people view God. Some see Him as a far removed God Who allows man to flounder in his own troubles. Others see Him as a cruel task master that punishes all of those who step out of line. Unfortunately, those that see Him in this fashion have missed the most incredible attribute of God Himself; His great love. The One Who fashioned the universe by His voice. The One Who commands the winds to blow, the clouds to form, and all the universe to praise, is our LORD God Almighty.

We are to respect and show reverence to Him, for all that He has done and is yet to do. We are not to be afraid of Him as to run from Him, but instead to run to Him. He is our hope, our refuge, our shield and our fortress. **Ps. 46:1, “*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*”** And because of all of this, we should praise Him forever and ever. Let our praise flow from our lips with songs in our hearts and joy in our walk. Let us live as though the LORD God Almighty has freed us from our sin and filled us with His Spirit. And let us tell of His wonderful and amazing grace.

**Dear LORD, thank You that You have given us wisdom and understanding through our respect and awe of You. You have and always will watch over us and lead us in the way we should go. Your praise endures forever. In Jesus Name, Amen**