

***“Too Afraid Not to Repent”***  
**Jeremiah 5:18-31**

## **Jeremiah 6:16**

“stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls...”

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## ***A. Warning***

## **Deuteronomy 4:21,22**

So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the Lord your God has commanded you. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

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## **Psalm 115:4-8**

Their idols are silver and gold, The work of man's hands. They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see; They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell; They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat. Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them.

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## **Jeremiah 10:6,7**

There is none like You, O Lord;  
You are great, and great is Your name in might.  
Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?  
Indeed it is Your due!  
For among all the wise men of the nations  
And in all their kingdoms,  
There is none like You.



## **Jeremiah 32:38,39**

They shall be My people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them.

## **Proverbs**

9:10 – fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

8:13- fear of the Lord is to hate evil

10:17 – prolongs life

16:6 – by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil

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*“The acute awareness of the presence of God's power that produces in me a sense of awe and calls forth from me honor, respect and reverence.”*

*"Somewhere at the intersection of joy, fear, mystery, and insight lies awe, the ineffable response to the amazing world around us."*

*"Overwhelming, surprising, humbling, even a little terrifying—awe is what we feel when faced with something sublime, exceptional, or altogether beyond comprehension."*

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## **Psalm 145:3**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,  
And His greatness is unsearchable.

*“When we encounter Him, the totality of our creatureliness breaks upon us and shatters the myth that we have believed about ourselves that we are demi-gods, junior grade deities who will try to live forever.” - R.C. Sproul*



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*E. Why People Don't Fear God*

“What would really satisfy us would be a God who said of anything we happened to like doing, ‘What does it matter so long as they are contented?’ We want, in fact, not so much a Father in Heaven as a grandfather in heaven—a senile benevolence who, as they say, ‘liked to see young people enjoying themselves,’ and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, ‘a good time was had by all.’“ - C.S. Lewis

"Ooh," said Susan, "I thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion." "That you will, dearie." said Mrs. Beaver. "And make no mistake, if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knee's knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly." "Then isn't he safe?" said Lucy. "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the king, I tell you!"

## **Proverbs 8:13**

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;  
Pride and arrogance and the evil way  
And the perverted mouth, I hate.

“I think we are now living in the very decade when God may thunder his awesome "paradidomai" (I abandon, or I give them up) over America's professed greatness. Our massacre of a million fetuses a year; our deliberate flight from the monogamous family; our normalizing of fornication and of homosexuality and other sexual perversions; our programming of self-indulgence above social and familial concerns--all represent a quantum leap in moral deterioration, a leap more awesome than even the supposed qualitative gulf between conventional weapons and nuclear missiles. Our nation has all but tripped the worst ratings on God's Richter scale of fully deserved moral judgement. - Carl Henry

