And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. "It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread. "Then He shall become a sanctuary..." Isaiah 8, 12-14.

This is all that we need to know about our walk with God. Holiness and fear of God.

This is very important in our Christian lives. When we regard our God, the Lord of Hosts as holy, then we will strive to be holy. Holiness is least preached today, nevertheless our God is holy and He wants us to be holy.

Holiness whether fashionable or not, is essential and fundamental for our Christian life to become Christ like. Our holiness is under heaviest assault from this sin soaked world. We need to come to the Cross everyday, to be cleansed and to be holy like Jesus Christ.

God warns through His prophet that we are not to fear what the world fears. Is it possible for us not to be scared of what the world is scared of? Is it possible not to bribe for a job the way the world does?

Fear of God is what that keeps us on the path of holiness. It is the fear of God, that makes us shun the ways of the world. We don't steal, get bribes or swear because we know God is watching. If we sin when no one is seeing, we do not realize that God is still watching.

Hear what Jesus says, "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Mathew 10,28

It is ultimately God who is going to say the final word over our lives. He is going to come back as the Judge and He will judge according to the Word. If we fear man and live the ways of world when the Final Day comes we have every reason to fear and dread this God who comes back to judge.

But if we fear God and live according to His ways, the Final Day will be a day of gladness and rejoicing. The fear of God is what will lead us to live holy lives.

Let us fear God and aspire to walk in the highway of holiness.

A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it. Isaiah 35:8