

Living before an Audience of One

A common and most danger snare

Galatians 2:11-16

What makes Peter leave the “diner”?

He feared the religious _____ [12b]

I. The fear of man is a _____ [Proverbs 29:25a]

A. What is “the fear of man?”

The fear of losing the _____ of someone whose favor we crave

We allow another person or group to become _____ than God

Some diagnostic questions....

Do you edit your “convictions” according to your audience?

Are you able to _____ at yourself?

B. Some clarifying backstories

1. The backstory that continues to haunt all of our stores: _____ in the Garden

Adam fears losing Eve’s affection and good will

Eve’s favor, rather than the Lord’s, becomes _____

“We sin against God so as not to turn a friend against us” [Augustine]

2. Peter’s backstory

We see heroic moments, but we also see egregious _____

The Bible does not sugar coat it’s _____!

The Lord frees us not by removing our fear of disapproval, but by transferring this fear to where it belongs.

II. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____ [Proverbs 9:10]

“Fear consists in awe, reverence, honor and worship” [John Murray]

A. This fear is _____

We have a dim view of the _____ of God

“Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming _____”

[Hebrews 12:28-29]

We tend to have a narrow, reductionist view of Jesus

“The King of King and Lord of Lords” [Revelation 19:16 and 17:14]

B. The fear of the Lord diminishes our other fears

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved”

C. The fear of the Lord is a _____ of life [Proverbs 14:27]

Beneath all fears...is fear of _____.

III. The Son sets us free [John 8:36]

“His _____ shall be in the fear of the Lord.” [Isaiah 11:3]

“There is now no _____ for those who are in Christ Jesus” [Romans 8:1]

“The Lord is my _____; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” [Hebrews 13:6]

“Perfect love casts out fear” [First John 4:18]

IV. The Lord is _____

“The Lord will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” [Deuteronomy 31:8]