

How did God speak to you in Sunday's message on the Pilgrim Psalms?

POINT: PERFECT Love CASTS OUT Fear

1. What is fear? How does fear help us and how does fear harm us? Is fear always seen as fear? When you are afraid, where do you turn?
2. In v1, What does it mean to “fear” the Lord? How does this fear differ from our general or emotional understanding of the word fear?

Pastor Jon talked about the controlling nature of fear over our lives when we allow it to sit on the throne of our life. Discuss how that helps us to comprehend, “the fear of the Lord?”

3. In v2-3, our ability to provide for ourselves and the wellbeing of our families are big targets for fear. How can fear of the Lord and its blessing (mentioned in Ps 128:1 and 4), rid us of the crippling effects of fear?
4. Read 1John 4:7-21, esp. v16-18 and discuss fear v. love. If fear is essentially self-centered, what's perfect love?
5. Why does love cast out fear? How important is it to intentionally give our attention to the Lord (“the fear of the Lord”) instead of giving our attention to fear?