

Fear is the Beginning of Wisdom!

Psalm 111:10 [Amplified Bible] *“The reverent fear and worship of the Lord [Jehovah, the self-existent One or Eternal] is the beginning of wisdom and skill, the preceding and the first essential, the prerequisite of them. A good understanding, wisdom and meaning have all those who do the will of the Lord. Their praise of Him endures for ever.”*

Within this one verse in the ‘Handbook for Life’ we find the keys for abundant eternal life.

“*Reverent fear*” – for us to have reverent fear we have to acknowledge the existence of God, **not** be blinded by the theories that this society’s “*wisdom*” may try to teach us.

If we take an unbiased look at the physical world around us we have to admit that it is so interdependent that it could **not** have come into existence over a long period of time.

This world must have been designed and created at one moment by a Creator, and set in motion and sustained from its time of creation.

“*Worship*” – as a result of this knowledge we have to acknowledge that this Creator is One who is worthy of our worship.

“*The beginning*” – such knowledge, admission and worship is only the beginning of a lifetime process of maturing.

“*A good understanding*” – understanding of what? The full meaning of this word is the total understanding of the purpose of life.

“*All who do*” – this is not something we just acknowledge in our mind, an intellectual premise, but a complete change in our direction of life.

A change in our priorities in our life.

“*Their praise of Him endures for ever*” – here we see the great promise of such an acknowledgement and a dramatic change in our lives that it can bring about.

An eternal life in the presence of our Creator and all that such a life will bring to us in joy and satisfaction.

The fear of our Creator God does bring with it all we could ever desire for all time.

Proverbs 1:7 [Amplified Bible] *“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge, that is, its starting point and its essence; but fools despise skilful and godly wisdom, instruction and discipline.”*