

Conquering the Fear of Man
When People are Big and God is Small
Chapters 6-12

1. Chapters Six & Seven: The first step in conquering the fear of man is to understand and grow in the fear of the Lord
 - ✓ Focus on the holiness of God and the fact that he is transcendent.
 - ✓ We avoid the fear of the Lord by downgrading obedience. We must concentrate not only on actions but also our attitude. Is it right before the Lord.
 - ✓ Read and meditate of the Word of God to learn the fear of the Lord. Good passages our the last four chapters of Job, Ps 33:8-9, Ps 93:3-4, Ex 19:9, Ps 104:3, Ps 104:4, Ps 135:7, Ps 8:3-4
 - ✓ Read passages the illustrate what we have as we learn to fear the Lord
 - Pr 19:23: it overcomes the fear of man and trouble
 - Pr 14:26: it brings security
 - Pr 15:16: it brings contentment
 - ✓ Read passages that focus of specific aspects of God
 - Creation: Ps 8,19,65,104
 - His enthronement: Ps 95-97; 99
 - Providence: Ps 139, the book of Habakkuk
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 - ✓ In Isaiah see how the knowledge of God was the first step in his liberation from the fear of man

2. Chapter Eight: The second step is to examine where your desire have been too big. If we fear people our desires tend to grow and become larger and larger
 - ✓ The most popular view of people
 - Each of us have certain lists on needs that we strive to have met
 - Two basic needs are to receive love and have significance. If these needs are not met we feel empty
 - These needs must be filled and they can be filled by looking to people or to Christ.
 - ✓ Welch talks about these needs as:
 - Biological needs for physical life
 - Spiritual needs for spiritual life, faith, obedience
 - Psychological needs to be fulfilled in happiness and acceptance