

Introduction

1. There are many results when one fears the LORD
 - a. Knowledge ([Pr. 1:7](#)), wisdom ([Pr. 9:10](#)), belief ([Ex. 14:31](#)), obedience ([Dt. 5:29](#)), holiness ([2 Cor. 6:11-7:1](#)), service ([Dt. 6:13](#)), and happiness ([Pr. 28:14](#)) to name a few
2. What happens when one does not fear God?
 - a. There are results produced when reverence toward God is lacking
 - b. To cause people not to fear God is Satan's mission ([Gen. 3:1-5](#))
 - c. All sin is due to a lack of the fear of the LORD ([Ps. 36:1](#))
 - i. Sin, simply defined, is the transgression [violation] of God's Law ([1 Jn. 3:4](#); [2 Jn. 9](#); [1 Jn. 5:17](#); [Rm. 14:23](#))
 - ii. Not doing good is also sin ([Jm. 4:17](#))

I. People Become Proudful ([Ps. 36:2](#))

1. The taproot of every sin is pride ([Pr. 8:13](#), [21:4](#))
 - a. The devil's downfall ([1 Tim. 3:6](#))
2. The proudful will not seek after God nor think of Him ([Ps. 10:4](#))
 - a. Such are fools ([Ps. 14:1-3](#))
3. Pride goes before destruction ([Pr. 16:18](#))
4. The proudful, at first, attempt to hide their sin instead of acknowledging it and turning away from it ([Pr. 28:13](#))
 - a. If persisted in long enough, the proudful will flaunt their sin! ([Jer. 6:15](#))

II. The Tongue is Used for Wickedness and Deceit ([Ps. 36:3](#))

1. We must get rid of wicked speech ([Eph. 4:25](#), [29](#); [Col. 3:8-9](#), [4:6](#))

- a. To curse and bless with the same tongue is to do what even nature does not do ([Jm. 3:9-12](#))
 - i. Control the heart and we control the tongue ([Mt. 12:33-37](#))
 - b. A half-truth is a full lie ([Gen. 20](#))
 - i. Abraham's perception of the lack of the fear of the LORD and selfishness prompted his behavior ([Gen. 20:11-13](#))
 - c. Lying and deceit are serious ([Ps. 24:3-4](#); [Rev. 21:8](#), [22:15](#))
2. When one ceases to be wise and do good, they become wise to do evil ([Jer. 4:22](#))

III. Wickedness is Compounded ([Ps. 36:4](#))

1. In the days of Micah, the Israelites were so wicked that they worked out evil on their beds and then practiced it in the morning ([Mic. 2:1](#))
 - a. They had it backwards as did Isaiah's audience ([Isa. 5:20](#))
2. Genuine love [no hypocrisy] abhors evil and clings to the good ([Rm. 12:9](#))
 - a. We must seek and love good and hate evil ([Am. 5:14-15](#))

Conclusion

1. When reverence is lacking, sin is sure to be found
 - a. Pride runs rampant
 - b. Evil speaking is produced
 - c. Wickedness abounds
2. There are other sins that come from a lack of reverence we will examine, Lord willing, next week
 - a. Let us be those that fear the LORD and depart from evil