

Deacon's Beacons

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Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

The fear of God is an odd phrase. God is loving. Why would we fear Him? Yes, God is All Just but God is also All Merciful. That can be seen in the Sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son for our sins. Some do have an image of God as a figure waiting around the corner to catch you doing something wrong and to pounce on you. If that is your image of God, I pity you. But the best explanation of the Fear of the Lord that I have ever seen was in the book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" by Pope St. John Paul II. In it, he presents the notion that Fear of the Lord is not about what God would do to us but that we would insult God by our sins. That is a much more comforting image.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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