

## Why Is God To Be Feared?

### I. Introduction:

A. God is love (**I John 4:8** and **I John 4:16**).

1. He is “the God of love” (**II Corinthians 13:11**).
2. He has shown love towards those that did not love Him (**Romans 5:6-10** and **I John 4:10**).

B. Having said that, it is very ignorant to think He is only loving and only does loving actions (**Deuteronomy 32:39-43**).

1. He is both good and severe (**Romans 11:22**).
2. He has done good and harm (**Psalms 78:43-64**).

### II. Body: God Is To Be Feared (**I Chronicles 16:25**, **Psalms 76:7**, **Psalms 89:7**, and **Hebrews 12:28-29**)!

A. God is to be feared because He has some attributes that are frankly; scary (**Hebrews 10:31**). Consider a FEW things...

1. He hates certain PEOPLE (**Psalms 5:4-5** and **Psalms 11:5-7**).
2. He is cruel (**Isaiah 13:9**).
3. He is jealous (**Deuteronomy 6:14-15**).
4. He is patiently vengeful (**Nahum 1:2** and **II Peter 2:9**).
5. Some people are an abomination [disgusting; abhorrence] to Him (**Deuteronomy 25:11-16**, **Proverbs 6:16-19**, **Proverbs 12:22**, **Proverbs 15:9**, **Proverbs 16:5**, **Proverbs 17:15**, **Proverbs 20:10**, **Proverbs 28:9**, etc.).
6. He will laugh at some who are trying to turn to Him (**Proverbs 1:24-33**).
7. He did not spare His only begotten Son (**Romans 8:31-32**).
8. He commanded genocide (**Deuteronomy 20:16-17**).
9. He gave the death penalty to a couple that lied (**Acts 4:32-5:11**).
10. We don't even know the extent of the power of His anger (**Psalms 90:11**).

B. God is to be feared because He is a rewarder of the faithful (**Hebrews 11:6** and **I John 2:25**), but He also deals with the ungodly (**Psalms 1:6**). Think about how that is going to look...

1. **Mark 9:42-48**
2. **II Thessalonians 1:7-9**
3. **II Peter 2:17**
4. **Revelation 21:8**

C. God is to be feared because He is angry with the wicked every day (**Psalms 7:11**) and doesn't plan to let it go (**Psalms 145:20**).

1. Being wicked is the opposite of keeping the ways of the Lord (**II Samuel 22:22**).

2. There is no hope in being wicked (**Proverbs 10:28** and **Proverbs 14:32**).

III. Conclusion: He is to be feared, because the worst to come is still in the future (**Hebrews 10:26-30**; cf. **Jude 1:7**)!