

## Article #14 of God: Discover His Character

### A Healthy Fear of God

Years ago, many Christians were known as a God-fearing people. What has happened for us to lose that distinction?

Over time we developed a distorted view of who God is and lost our sense of reverence, respect, and fear of Him. Instead of seeing God as our sovereign Ruler, He is more commonly viewed as our buddy or pal. Instead of recognizing Him as our awesome Creator and holy Judge, we relegate Him to the position of a peer. We have become too casual with God, even in our places of worship. In the past we referred to such places as a holy sanctuary, houses of prayer or altars where the glory of God came down on people. Today, we have lost even the sense of the presence of the holy, and awesome God among us when we come together to praise and worship and learn about Him.

God's magnificence demands respect; His position demands honor; His holiness demands praise.

Fearing God arises out of a conscious commitment to give God the honor He deserves. This attitude must be cultivated in our daily lives. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> God: Discover His Character, Dr. Bill Bright, New Life Publications, 1999, pp 298, 299