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It Pays to Fear the Lord
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There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who fear God and those who do not. In Malachi's time, many did not fear God, so they were charged with despising His name and defiling His altar. They felt as if it were useless to serve the Lord. Therefore, He informed them that He had no pleasure with them and that He would not receive their sacrifices in Malachi 1:10.

There's also the group that fears and serves the Lord. They are fewer in number, but they are the kind of people who come together to build each other up in their faith and encourage one another in their walk with the Lord. They keep their eyes on the Lord, and their arms around one another.

We are to be among the second group who fears the Lord. O.S. Hawkins, president of GuideStone Financial Resources, once shared, among those who "fear the Lord's hand of blessing be lifted off their lives and not fear the Lord's hand of retribution."
"Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name." Malachi 3:16 ESV



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