

Deacon's Beacons

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There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18

Fear of the Lord is an odd phrase. It bothered me that we would need to fear someone Who loves us so deeply. But I read the best explanation in St. John Paul II's book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope." In there, he describes Fear of the Lord as fearing that we will offend God by our actions and that we love God so much we would not wish for that to happen. It is not about fearing what God will do to us but fearing what we have done would do to God. That makes infinitely more sense.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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