

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

The term "Fear of the Lord" always bothered me. Why should we be afraid of the God that loves us beyond our wildest imagination? What made sense of this is a passage that I read in St. John Paul II's book "Crossing the Threshold of Hope." In it he explains that what fear of the Lord really means is that we love God so much that we are afraid of hurting or insulting Him by our actions. Even that is more anthropomorphic than maybe good. God does not experience emotions as we do. To say that God is hurt is a stretch. God is all powerful, all loving and all...well, happy. That is the essence of the Beatific Vision where we gaze on God and there is no sorrow or pain or regret.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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