

1 Peter 1:17-21

Introduction: The fox and the lion

1. One Command: Fear your Father God

i) A lifetime of exile

ii) A lifetime of fear

(See Prov 9:10; Ps 86:11; Job 1:8; Isa 11:2; 2 Cor 7:1; Eccl 12:13; Jer 32:40)

2. Three Reasons

i) His impartial judgement - he's watching you (v. 17)

ii) Your costly redemption - he shed blood for you (vv. 18-19)

iii) His eternal plan - he wants your faith to grow (vv. 20-21)

Conclusion: 'The fear of God is the soul of godliness'