

From fear
to Fear

Screwtape: So inveterate is their (our) appetite for Heaven that our best method, at this stage, of attaching them to earth is to make them believe that **earth can be turned into Heaven** at some future date by politics or eugenics or “science” or psychology, or what not.

Real worldliness is a work of time—
assisted, of course, by pride...

CS Lewis Screwtape Letters

The longer we live, the more
attached we are to this world.

The more attached we are to this
world, the more we fear losing it.

Jonah 1: 4 Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. **5** All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to **his own god**. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

Jonah 1: But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. 6 The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your **god**! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”

When you fear this world more
than Yahweh,
God will always be a small “god”.

The name of the Lord

LORD (all caps) – – EHYEH “I will be”

Adonai – – Hebrew “Lord”

Adonay – – YHWH + Adonai = Yahuwah
(Jehovah)

The name of the Lord

elohim--god(s) in ordinary sense

cf. 1:5,6

Jonah 1: 10 This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the **LORD**, because he had already told them so.)

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LORD--Jonah 1:10, 13

Discipleship takes place when

god becomes LORD.

“god” becomes LORD

when you fear the creator of the
storm more than the storm.

Mark 4: 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

Mark 4: 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, “**Why are you so afraid?** Do you still have no faith?”

Mark 4: 41 They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Jesus is the Lamb of God

but He is also the Lion of Judah.

The fear of the LORD
empowers a life of worship

Jonah 1: 13 Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. 14 Then they cried out to the Lord, “**Please, LORD**, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.”

Jonah 1: 15 Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. 16 At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and **they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.**



Loving God without truly fearing
Him

leads to a shallow and dangerous
faith.

It is possible for Christ to be your
savior
but not your Lord.

Matthew 26: 22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, **Lord?**”

23 Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me...woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man!

Matthew 26: 25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, **Rabbi?**”

One last thought:

The cure for worldly fear is not
bravery but genuine love for God.



The more time you spend enjoying
the presence of God and keeping

His commands,

the more likely it is that your
worldly fears will transform into a
Godly fear.

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