The Fear of the Lord Leads to Salvation

Acts 9:1-48

Premise :

1. If the ‘fear of the Lord’ is the acknowledgment/realization of the existence of God and the resulting fear/trembling/respect, is that sufficient? Is that all that God desires/requires from man?
2. The Fear of the Lord is not static. It is a continually growing understanding of God and intimacy with God.
3. The Fear of the Lord is part of the preparation of salvation. God uses this fear to draw people to Himself.
4. The Sequence of Salvation as illustrated in the life of Cornelius.

The Context:

 Caesarea

 Cornelius

 Curious Centurions

 Communication of the Gospel

 The elements of Peter’s message.

 The Confirmation of the Holy Spirit

 Hearts quickened

 God is exalted

 A surprising evidence

 Cornelius’ Invitation

**Application:**

* We see that a person can be a very religious and not be saved. Do you know people like this?
* Do you pray for opportunities and open doors for evangelism?
* Are you prepared? If God sends you to someone, gives you an opportunity for witness, are you ready? Do you know the Gospel? Can you explain it to another person?
* Do you know someone who thinks “They believe in God”? Will you pray for the opportunity to make sure they understand the Gospel?