



Making
a
Difference

Shiphrah and Puah



Exodus 1: 8-21 (NIV)

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.

But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.

So, they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.”

But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them but let the male children live.

So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?”

The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.”

So, God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.

And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

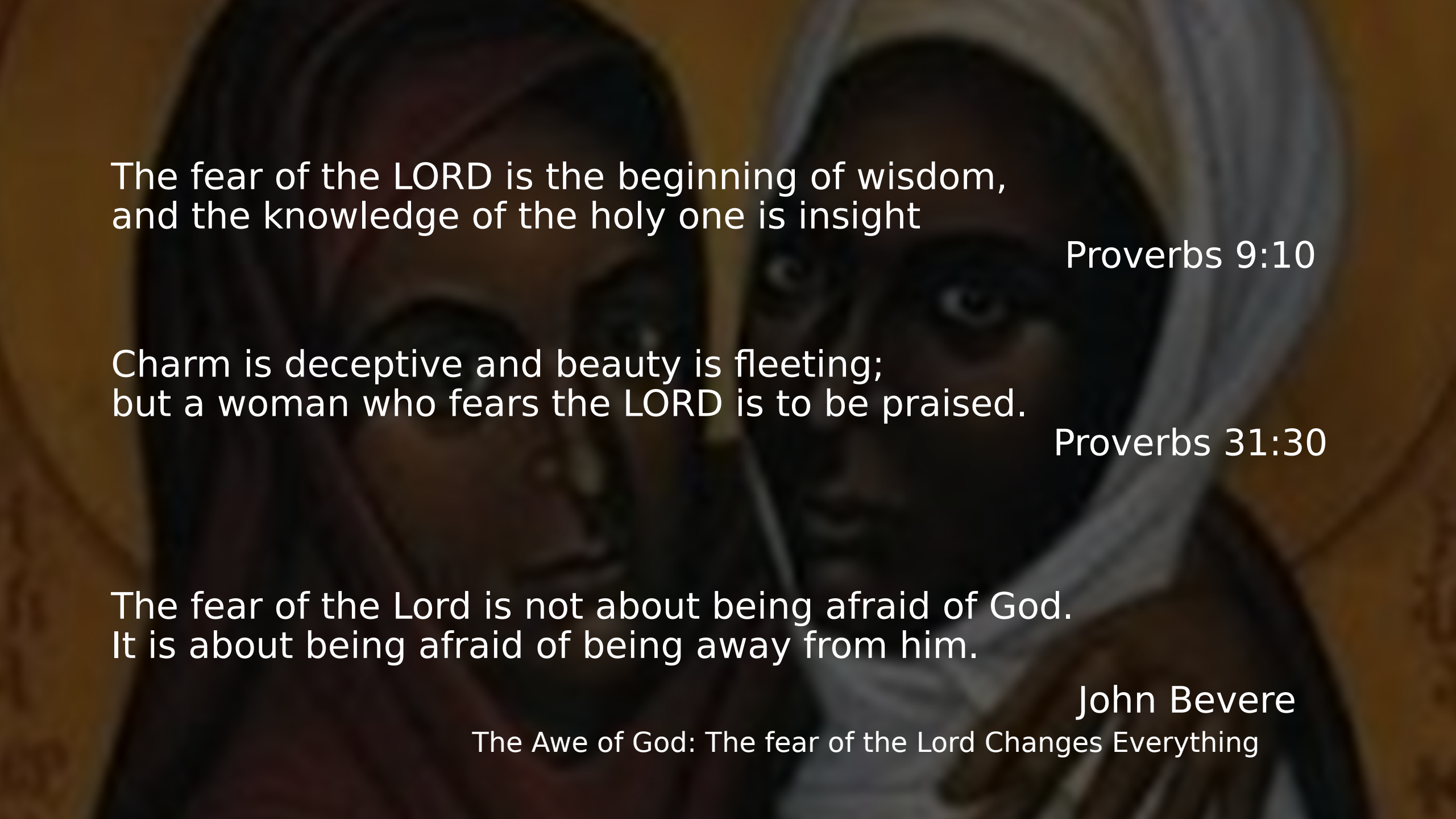
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Courage and boldness

Wisdom

Fear of God





The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the holy one is insight

Proverbs 9:10

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

The fear of the Lord is not about being afraid of God.
It is about being afraid of being away from him.

John Bevere

The Awe of God: The fear of the Lord Changes Everything

Saying
"Yes" to
LIFE with GOD





TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

JAMES 1v5



We will never know
what we do
or say
how it will produce
change –
somewhere down
the line...



Say yes to LIFE with God

Speak LIFE over
ourselves and others -
especially in places of
hopelessness and darkness?

Choose to OBEY and HONOUR
God

FEAR God

Seek WISDOM - especially in the
middle
of the grittiness of life



