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**Prov. 9:10, “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*”**

The Hebrew word for *fear* is **yirat** which means *an extreme and awesome fear or reverence*. This reminds us that wisdom always begins with a right relationship with God. When we begin to see God like He really is, it should bring about an incredible reverence for Who He is and what He has done. This fear honors God for His awesome power, provision and personhood. The title here - The Holy One - is in the plural number which focuses on the trinity of God. The more we understand that He is God the Father and Creator; God the Son and Savior; and God the Holy Spirit and Counselor; the more we will begin to understand how truly magnificent God really is. This is not three different Gods because God is One. This is three manifestations of God and His person. I liken it to the statement made by a pastor friend of mine. He said when God made man in His own image, He made him to be like Him in this aspect. Then he illustrated it by saying the he is three persons: He is a son to his parents, he is a dad to his children, and a husband to his wife; same person with three purposes.

This fear of God should draw us to God rather than make us run from Him. We should desire to be in a right relationship with Him. And, when that happens, we begin to experience the great love that God pours out upon His children.

**Dear LORD, help us to reverence You as Who You are. You are Everlasting Father. You are our Savior. You are our Counselor and Encourager. We worship and reverence You, In Jesus Name, Amen**