



Maranatha Baptist Church
Equip University
Christian Living Track
Fearing and Following God

Class 3 – Why do we fear man? We fear they will expose us.

Why do we fear being exposed? (Gen. 2:25, 3:7)

1. Because we have sinned, and sin leads to shame.

2. Because of the sins of others against us.

How do we demonstrate our fear of being exposed?

1. We hide and cover.

2. We escape to idols rather than running to God.

3. We seek to uncover and expose others.

Where do these tendencies manifest themselves?

- Before God

- In private
- At home—in close relationships
- At work
- At church

Shame and fear of exposure in our world today

Examples of shame and fear of exposure in Scripture

In what ways are you fearing exposure before others?

- In what ways is your private life different from your public life?
- Are there sins that are easy to confess to God, but not to another person?
- What are the things about yourself that you would rather other people not know about?
- What are your tools of avoidance?

Class Outline:

1. What is the fear of man?
2. What is the fear of God?
3. How do we fear man? We fear that people will expose us.
4. How do we fear man? We fear that people will reject us.
5. How do we fear man? We fear that people will harm us.
6. A new vision for life: loving God and loving neighbor
7. Anxious or Restful?
8. God's Providence
9. God's Will
10. Faithfulness
11. Tools of the Trade Part 1: God's Word, Prayer, Counsel
12. Tools of the Trade Part 2: Circumstances and Feelings
13. Panel Discussion—Fearing and Following the Lord