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- ◎ Ecclesiastes 12:13,14
 - > “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil”

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- ◉ Proverbs 16: 6.

- > “By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil”

- ◉ Psalm 34:9

- > O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The Fear of God can positively affect our marriage

- ⦿ A. It will affect our marriage.
 - > Eph. 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
- ⦿ B. It will affect our relationships
 - > Col 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;
- ⦿ C. It will affect our happiness and holiness.
 - > Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Case Study :Gen. 39: 1–23

- Mrs. Potiphar: Our summary can be that this woman did not fear the Lord as compared to Joseph who said in Verse 9:
 - > “There is none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”

Case Study : 1 Kings 11: 1-27

- The entire transactions in this passage depicts that David did not fear God and that was what led to the sin:
 - > He was idle when Kings were in battle;
 - > He had disregard for the privacy of another man's wife;
 - > He comfortably summoned another man's wife for adultery;
 - > He made the husband drunk in order to lure him to go and have affair with his wife; thereby covering his sin;
 - > He gruesomely murdered Uriah
 - > He conveniently took over the wife.

Case Study : Acts 5: 1-11

- Ananias and Sapphira: they disregarded God and connived together to lie to the Holy Spirit and that brought about their premature death.

The Conclusion

- It is very important to remember that God is the at the summit of our marital relationship; hence we must put him in charge of our marriage and marital life and make sure we honour him. He is not an intruder in our marriage. He is the controller of the marriage and we are answerable to Him.