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Bold new book beckons to the days of Godly obedience

*Houston, TX—November 2007—For those willing to listen to a voice echoing from the ancient past, retired pastor Arnold Frank's new book, *The Fear of God—A Forgotten Doctrine*, (Nordskog Publishing, 2007), teaches about a principle so vital that it could revolutionize modern day Christians and churches across America.*

In *The Fear of God*, Frank sets out to revitalize a doctrine that in times past – from the Biblical era to the founding of America – both empowered and emboldened Christians to lead lives that distinguished them among their peers as godly, meaningful and productive.

Today's churches "are marked by irreverence, immorality, and hypocrisy," says Joseph Pipa Jr., resident professor of historical and systematic theology at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, in the foreword to Frank's book. "When Christians are ignorant of the fear of God, they fail to live their lives *Coram Deo*, aware of the presence of God to whom they must give an answer."

The result of a lack of godly fear and reverence is a foolish life, Frank says, harkening to the words of Proverbs that "'The beginning of the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.' The beginning of wisdom is the beginning of a life lived in harmony with all of God's cause-and-effect systems: natural, physical, social and moral," according to Frank.

Chapters from *The Fear of God* include discussions of the three different types of fear that many people face in their spiritual search. Three more chapters of application deal with the fear of man, the lack of assurance of salvation, and the fear of God as it applies to personal and corporate worship.

Also included is a concordance-like search of the Scriptures revealing the multifaceted characteristics and benefits of godly fear from both the Old and New Testaments; some explicit Biblical examples of the fear of God at work in people's lives; and an introduction to writings from the Puritans who, more than any other group since Biblical times, spoke and wrote prolifically about the fear of God and are experts in the field. The final chapter of the book is dedicated to preachers and pastors, giving tips, suggestions and examples of preaching the fear of God "unto salvation and sanctification."

Two appendices present a sermon by John Flavel, Presbyterian minister in England during the Puritan era, and two hymns by William Gadsby, eighteenth century British hymn writer and Baptist pastor. An extensive bibliography and endnotes round out the book.

Frank's goal for *The Fear of God* is that "God's redeemed people will be better able to identify with Jesus when He said of his Father, '... I always do the things that please him.'"

Arnold Frank, D.Min., M.Div., A.B., is a teaching elder (retired) in the Presbyterian Church in America and a member of the Great Lakes Presbytery (PCA). In retirement Dr. Frank maintains an active preaching and conference speaking ministry.

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