



Part 5: “The right kind of fear”

“If others in past centuries – and some even today – have reddened the mouths of lions, languished in prisons, and been scorched in the flames, can we not go out today, back to the school, back to the office, and live for Jesus Christ? God help us that we shall. In this evil hour, we’ll have revival when there are men and women, Christians with burning hearts, brimming eyes, and bursting lips, who fear nothing but sin and who love nothing but Jesus Christ.” Adrian Rogers

Fleshly fear is _____, righteous fear is _____:

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Rom 3:18 There is not _____ before their eyes.

1. Righteous fear _____.

“Fear does not rob us of our joy for two reasons. One is that it drives us to Christ, where there is safety. The other is that even when we get there the part of fear that Christ relieves is the hope-destroying part. But He leaves another part — the part we want to feel forever. There is an awe or trembling in the presence of grandeur that we want to feel as long as we are sure it will not destroy us. This trembling does not compete with joy; it is part of joy. People go to terrifying movies because they know the monster cannot get into the theater. They want to be scared as long as they are safe. For some reason it feels good. This is an echo of the truth that they were made for God. There is something profoundly satisfying about being ‘frightened’ when we cannot be hurt. It is the best when the trembling comes from the grandeur of holiness.”

John Piper, “Rejoice with Trembling”
<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/rejoice-trembling/>

2. Righteous fear _____.

3. Righteous fear _____.

4. Righteous fear _____.

5. Righteous fear _____ and _____.

“The only safe place from the wrath of God is in God. Everywhere outside of His care is dangerous. He is the only hiding place from His own wrath. If you see Him as frightening and try to run away and hide, you will not find a place to hide. There is none. Outside of God’s care there is only wrath. But there is a refuge from the wrath of God, namely, God. The safest place from the wrath of God — the only safe place — is God. Come to God. Take refuge in God. Hide in the shadow of His wings. This is where we live and serve with joyful trembling. It is terrible and it is wonderful. It is like the eye of a hurricane — terror all around, and totally beautiful and calm. Here there is sweet fellowship. Here is quiet, loving communion. Here we speak to Him as to a friend. Here He ministers to our deepest needs. He wants you to come.” John Piper, *Ibid*