

## **CONQUERING THE SPIRIT OF FEAR**

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Luk 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass?

Luk 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Luk 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and **commotions**, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

Luk 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

Luk 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and **fearful sights** and great signs shall there be from heaven.

### **Luk 21:9**

**Commotions** - Insurrections. Subjects rising against their rulers.

Luk 21:14 **Settle it therefore in your hearts**, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

Luk 21:15 **For I will give you a mouth and wisdom**, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

### **Luk 21:14**

**Settle it, therefore, in your hearts** - Fix it firmly in your minds - so firmly as to become a settled principle - that you are always to depend on God for aid in all your trials.

### **Luk 21:15**

**A mouth** - Eloquence, ability to speak as the case may demand.

**Gainsay** – Speak against. They will not be able to “reply” to it, or to “resist” the force of what you shall say.

## News Paper Headlines

Lower Mexico death toll heartens nervous world...

WHO fears complications if HIV and H1N1 viruses  
combine...

Briton says he caught new flu during brief  
meeting...



### Confirmed H1N1 cases stand at 787, WHO says

The number of H1N1 cases worldwide stood at 787 early today, according to the latest count from the World Health Organization. So far, 17 countries have at least one confirmed case of the widespread virus, the WHO said. [full story](#)

- ◆ At CDC, war against flu doesn't stop
- ◆ Where is it now? | Flu timeline
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### What Does the Word of God Say?

**Exo 15:26** And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: **for *am* the LORD that healeth thee.**

**2Ti 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

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**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear** - A nervous and fearful spirit.

**But of power** - Power to encounter foes and dangers; power to bear up under trials; power to triumph in persecutions.

**And of love** - The tendency of This, also, is to “**cast out fear**” And to make the mind bold and constant. Nothing will do more to inspire courage, to make a man fearless of danger, or ready to endure hardship and persecution, than “love.”

**1Jn 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

**But perfect love casteth out fear** - That is, love that is complete, or that is allowed to exert its proper influence on the soul.

**Because fear hath torment** - It is a painful and distressing emotion.

**He that feareth, is not made perfect in love** - He about whose mind there lingers the apprehension of future wrath, shows that love in his soul has not accomplished its full work.

### **MANS SIX BASIC FEARS**

1. Fear of Poverty
2. Fear of Criticism
3. Fear of Ill Health
4. Fear of a loss of a love from someone you love
5. Fear of old age
6. Fear of Death

### **FEAR HAS A WAY TO PARALYZE A PERSON**

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

### **As a roaring lion**

He is the raging monarch of the woods, who by his terrible roar would intimidate all so that they might become an easy prey. His rage, malice, and cruelty, which he breathes out against the saints, who though he cannot destroy them, will do all he can to terrify and affright them.

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luk 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

### **Luk 21:26**

**Men's hearts failing them for fear** - Or, Men fainting away through fear, (Αποψυχοντων), being ready to die.

1Sa 17:10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

1Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

Psa 91:13 **Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder** (venomous serpent): **the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet**

Psa 91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

1. **The Word Tread literally means**: To Stomp with a Bad Attitude

### **FEARS OF GREAT MEN**

1. **Julius Ceasar**: Was afraid of the sound of thunder. Always wanted to go underground to escape the dreadful noise.

2. **Peter the Great**: Could scarcely be persuaded to cross bridge. He would place one foot on one part of the bridge and would cry out for fear.
3. **Adolf Hitler said**: “Confusion, indecision and fear; these are my weapons”
4. **Franklin Roosevelt**: “There is nothing to be feared but fear itself.”
5. **Stalin**: Was constantly in fear of being poisoned or killed himself.. He had 8 bedrooms which could be locked up like safes in a bank. Nobody ever knew in which of these 8 bedrooms where he slept in any given night.
6. **Gideon**: Told those that were fearful to go home: “Whosoever is fearful and afraid let him return.
7. **Moses at the Red Sea**: “Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.”

### **PSYCHOLOGISTS SAY**

1. **Generally agree** the four demons plague mankind (1) Fear (2) Guilt (3) Inferiority Feelings (4) Hate.
2. **Fear**: (1) Influences our conduct (2) Influences our concepts which include our thinking and our mental condition.
3. **Fear Affects**: The physical man; the emotional man; and the mental man.
4. **Fear manifests itself**: In dread, anxiety, worry, apprehension, misgiving, distress, concern, tension, anguish, fretfulness.

### **FEAR MAKES US VICTIMS OF OUR PROBLEMS**

1. **Peter walked on the water**, until he began to look around and see the waves and he began to sink. Fear does this to us, when we begin to concentrate on our problems the larger they become.

2. **Fear:** Keeps us from fulfilling God's will in our life and obeying the Word of God. **Fear keeps us from our best!**
3. Where there is no activity there is no faith, because our faith is shown by our works. **Faith Produces an Action.**
4. **The slothful servant said:** "And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth" Matt. 25:25. How many beautiful songs have never been sung because the composer was afraid to share it with the world, perhaps of rejection, criticism or afraid someone would laugh at his efforts?

**FEAR IS A DAMAGING THING THAT KEEPS US FROM OUR VERY BEST, IT SHRINKS GOD TO THE SIZE OF OUR PROBLEMS AND UNDERMINES OUR FAITH AND CONFIDENCE.**

### **TURNING OR FEARS INTO FAITH**

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1Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

1Sa 17:16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

#### **David:**

1Sa 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

1Sa 17:46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

1. To Overcome Fear we must **Feed our Faith and not our FEARS**. Fear is paralyzing and will you hindrance to spiritual victory and progress.
2. **Courage** is not the absence of Fear; it is the Conquering of Fear.

**Psa 46:1** To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Psa 46:2** **Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed**, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3. **Exchange Your Fears for Faith:**

Heb 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,  
Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

**Psa 27:1** *A Psalm* of David. The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psa 27:2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Psa 27:3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.