

Do Not Fear

Genesis 3:9-10 (It did not take long for fear to come into the world once God made man. See how Adam admits the first fear.)

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Luke 12:4-7 (Jesus tells us to fear only the one who has the true power to cast into hell, and He addresses 'friends,' that is those who choose to believe in and accept Him. Therefore there is much to fear if you do not believe in Jesus Christ.)

4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:22-34 (Jesus exhorts believers to take the higher road, to give, and look to a treasure in heaven. And not to fear by clinging to the things of this world.)

22 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

26 If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

29 And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matt 10:16-31 (Jesus tells His twelve disciples at some length to act wisely and to be harmless, but never to fear anything but God Himself)

- 16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.
- 17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.
- 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.
- 19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;
- 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
- 21 Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.
- 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.
- 23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
- 24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.
- 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!
- 26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.
- 27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.
- 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.
- 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Rev 2:8-10 m (Jesus tells John to write to the church at Smyrna, encouraging them not to fear the hardships they endure, for there is a reward waiting them.)

- 8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,
'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:
- 9 I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
- 10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Psalms 27:1 (David writes the God inspired words that asks the question, Fear who?)

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?

Conclusion: So, whom shall we fear, but God Himself. Fearing Him means believing in, and accepting Jesus Christ. That we love Him, honor Him, and seek to please Him in every way by following and serving. When we do these things we have nothing at all to fear. He is the solution to fear.