

FEAR

Fear has many faces and sources. The Greek word PHOBIA, or fear in English is a learned response and can be unlearned through the inexpensive fortification of your soul with Bible doctrine. No amount of behavioral therapy or systematic desensitization (that is psychological therapy combined with hypnosis) can successfully eliminate fear in the mind and heart of a person. Satan bombarded the entire human race with humanistic viewpoint since the beginning of human history, making man believe his lies and fearful of his schemes.

The primary source of fear is the old sinful nature bombarded with satanic lies (that is the combination of satanic and human viewpoints). Satan is working overtime creating and building up tensions, worries, panic, lies, confusions, and fear in the hearts of men.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING, PHILOSOPHY, AND SUPERSTITIONS PASS FEAR TO HUMAN SOULS. Religion has succeeded in creating fear in the hearts of men in a very subtle and unsuspecting manner. Religion is the best instrument of Satan in pulling men into the pit of demonic influence. There is a very long list of fear, most of which are illogical, pure superstition and unreal.

YOU MUST DEFEAT FEAR BEFORE IT DEFEATS YOU AND ONLY THEN YOU CAN DEFEAT YOUR ENEMY. When it strikes, it must not be allowed to ignite a devastating chain reaction of mental attitude sins that always incapacitate thinking, decision-making and actions.

CATEGORIES OF FEAR:

1. Fear of future crisis or sudden crisis
2. Fear of formidable enemy
3. Fear that torture the mind for negative reactions
4. Fear that engages in guilt of past failure
5. Fear in the midst of severe adversity
6. Fear that results from ignorance of God's Word
7. Fear that comes from religious supernatural beliefs
8. Fear that results from anxiety or panic
9. Fear that results from outburst of emotion
10. Fear that results from self-pity and bitterness
11. Fear that results from loss of self-confidence, mental control and courage toward man
12. Fear that results from illusion and mystical [schizophrenic]

FEAR FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM but the Word of God focuses on the divine solution to human problems. The only way to solve human problem is by divine solution.

Human solutions to human problems are NO SOLUTION but breeds more problems leading to fear.

Fear exemplifies human viewpoint and obstructs problem solving.

VICTORY OVER FEAR

GOD EXPECTS every Church Age believers to overcome his fear through the divine provision and divine problem-solving devices provided at the point of salvation.

NO BELIEVER is left without defense and protection in satanic cosmic systems. It is irrational, illogical and useless to pray for some kind of power to overcome your fear when in reality God has already provided everything we need pertaining to life and godliness. God has provided every thing in advance and nothing is lacking or missing.

God has provided a ten (10) line of defense in the soul of the believer against the four (4) intense conflicts:

1. Temptation of the old sin nature (OSN)
2. The pressure stress in the soul of the believer
3. The enticement or allurements of false doctrines
4. The tendency to trust in human solutions and human viewpoint

The ten problem-solving devices are:

1. Rebound
2. Filling of the Holy Spirit
3. Faith-rest
4. Grace orientation
5. Doctrinal orientation
6. Personal sense of destiny
7. Virtue Personal love for God
8. Virtue Impersonal love for man
9. Sharing the happiness of God
10. Occupation with the Person of Christ

Fear breeds arrogance while the Word of God in the soul nurtures genuine humility. Fear prevents living the spiritual life while Bible doctrine rejuvenates the spiritual life. Fear obstructs problem solving while the Word of God initiates problem solving.

How to handle the stress of the battle and pressure of life is something you cannot learn apart from the actual situations. Psychology, psychiatry and

hypnosis with positive thinking will not solve the fear that dominates the human souls.

No believer will survive the cosmic system without Bible doctrine in the soul. God will not remove the problem or the suffering but God will convert the evil that assails us to our benefits. He will build a wall of fire around the believer and protect him by the power of God [Zechariah 2:5, 1 Peter 1:5a].

There is nothing as accident in the life of the believer-everything is part of His decree, nothing is unknown to God. Nothing we do will ever surprise Him. God deliver and rescue us in His perfect timing. Nothing is too late and nothing is too early- everything is just in perfect timing [Psalm 91:14-16, Romans 8:28].

No believer will die of famine (that is economic recession or depression) or from war (that is disaster, calamity and death) [Job 5:19-20]. No weapon of war will take your life as long as God's plan for your life is to stay on earth.

The believer with Bible doctrine in the soul will survive the scourge of the tongues (that is slander, mockery, insults, unfair dealings).

The life of the believer is insured by the Character of God-you are under His security blanket. When you loss everything but not your integrity, your future is secure by the integrity of God –not by anything else. Bible doctrine in your soul is the guarantee. God honors his Word wherever it may be found.

The life of the believer is secured and protected by the power of God, which is the best and perfect protection in the entire universe.
SECURITY IN THE MIDST OF FEAR

YOUR TENT IS SECURE (PERIKRATES-περικράτης) signifies having full command and control. The English term secure is from the Latin SECURA meaning free from anxiety. It has the Greek equivalent AMERIMNOS (ἀμερῖμος), meaning stability, security [Job 5:24, 1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6-7].

THE ANTONYM of secure is insecurity meaning, loaded with cares.

YOU WILL LAUGH [Job 5:22a] means to have humor. It is an indication of inner contentment and peace of mind amidst severe tragedy. His sense of humor is the result of sharing the happiness of God that knows the mind of Christ.

The WILD BEASTS is metaphor for the sudden violent disasters. The believer is under instruction not to be frightened by the possibility of violent devastation or changes. God will not drive away the wild beasts but He will make the VENUM or poison totally ineffective against the growing and advancing believers.

FOR YOU WILL BE IN LEAGUE with the stones of the field [Job 5:23] refers to the stones that were designed to use as weapon against you. The same stones will be your friends –they will not hit you. There are bullets without your name on it.

THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD will be at peace with you [Job 5:23b], refers to the effects of disaster and calamity turned into blessing for your welfare.

YOUR DESCENDANT will be many [Job 5:25]; means that life must go on for the believer regardless of his situation or condition, regardless of his pains and sufferings.

Life must go on. No one and nothing could destroy the believer until his final appointment to depart from this planet. Likewise, the planet earth will be preserved for the purpose of God until at the end of the millennial reign of Christ.

Worldwide destruction is impossible because only God has the right to destroy this planet. God created it and He alone has the right to destroy it [2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1].

LIKE THE STACKING OF GRAINS in its season [Job 5:26] is metaphor for the security provided by divine logistical grace –a guarantee from God.

ROOT CAUSE OF INSECURITY:

1. Lack of Bible doctrine in the soul the believers
2. Ignorance of divine plan, purpose and will for man
3. Ignorance of the divine assets made available to believers
4. Untrained and unskilled in using the problem solving devices

The believer has no entitlement to be insecure in the world because God has provided already the remedy. The believer becomes insecure when he focuses on the crisis not on God. There are seven emotional sins that stems from fear:

1. WORRY & ANXIETY because of inability to solve the problem or handling the situation
2. HATRED toward others blaming them fro his own miseries
3. NEGATIVE REACTIONS to the given situation lacking capacity in handling the situation
4. GUILT FEELINGS from the past failures or sins
5. SELF-PITY because of ignorance of his position in Christ
6. PANIC due to lack of solutions and capacity in handling the problem
7. LOSS OF CONTROL of the soul in distress.

VIRTUES AGAINST FEAR

THE Christian life is a life of victory for we have the VICTOR Himself. We are not aiming, aspiring or fighting for victory but FROM VICTORY.

THE victory of the Christian life is not goal, not the objective, not the project but the CAUSE, the REASON why we endure, the very purpose why we have to continue advancing.

The growing believer who is residing in the will and purpose of God is secured even in the midst of trouble waters-in the worst conflict and disaster. Whenever fear strikes, the believer must resolve to apply the divine solution –that is to totally rely and put your confidence on God [Psalm 56:3].

The Bible doctrine in the soul of the believer is the antidote for fear. God will not remove the cause of our fear but He will reverse the effects of fear by His presence [Psalm 118:6].

DO NOT ANXIOUSLY LOOK ABOUT YOU refers to believers who are seeking human solutions to resolve their problems [Isaiah 41:10]. God in His perfect omniscience knows exactly our problems and the exact solutions. We must look for God who has the solution. Remember, human solution is no solution.

VIRTUE AGAINST FEAR:

BE STRONG...DO NOT BE AFRAID. The souls of the believers are not immune to fear that affects the human will and effectiveness to keep advancing toward the goal [Deuteronomy 20:1-].

STRONG refers to the power of the spiritual life. Courage is the expression of this strength. Combine strong and courage and you have moral courage.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, means that we do not dwell on the possibility of personal injury or death but the objective set before us. As Christians, we do not dwell on losing the battle but we focus on the VICTORY we already possessed.

DO NOT PANIC. Some irrational and emotional terror may paralyze the mind and the heart. Bible doctrine alone has the power to clear this panic and fear.

Only the ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE WORD OF GOD CAN ERADICATE this kind of panic. But the encouragement from human viewpoint creates pseudo peace and more fear.

Tranquility under severe pressure is the overt expression of a courageous soul with Bible doctrine.

DO NOT TREMBLE. The fear in the soul cause incapacitating physical reactions or emotional outbursts, that continues to shake the believer for long. Battle

courage that comes from the Word of God may not eliminate fear, but allows you to put your training in action in spite of it [Psalm 27:3, 46:6-9, 55:22-23, 140:1-2].

Trembling obscures your focus of divine reality and removes the possibility of good decision. It handicaps the believer from doing the will of God.

GOD IS IN CONTROL of human history and of all events in the entire universe. Nothing comes as accident to believers. Everything is part of the divine decree.

God in His perfect knowledge of all things related to man keeps an eye on every event. Nothing escapes His wisdom. Some events happen because God allows it and some happen because He causes it.

OVERCOMING FEAR

PRINCIPLES OF VICTORY:

1. OVER FEAR OF DEATH

The death of the believer is exactly God's decision. The divine decision for us to die is victory since God is the absolute authority in life and death [1 Corinthians 15:55-57].

The divine decision regarding the believer's death includes the manner, the time and place of death [Psalm 116:15]. The believer is always under God's protection until the Lord takes him home.

Since God is perfect, His timing is perfect in all manners of life and death [Job 1:21b]. Death is the wise and gracious choice of God and always the best for the believer.

In death, we are face to face with the Lord. We are in a place of perfect happiness, leaving all the troubles and suffering behind.

2. OVER SUDDEN CRISIS

GOD is in control of human history. All events in human history are for the benefits of the believers including the worst disaster and calamity. National discipline does not exempt the spiritual believer from sorrows and pains.

Sufferings for the mature believers are not designed to destroy them but to accelerate their growth. The saints are expected to use divine solutions and not to seek more miseries for themselves.

Disaster or crisis cause sorrows to the believer that leads to repentance [2 Corinthians 7:9-11]. More crisis and disasters are expected before the Second Advent. The believers are expected to endure such sufferings and never give up.

3. OVER SORROW

AS believers, we have hope, a real confidence based on the Essence of God [1 Thessalonians 4:13]. Physical death is not the end of their story (the deceased). Enduring grief and sorrow becomes an imperative of the Christian life.

You cannot stop normal living because people your love ones have died and gone to heaven (hell). You cannot resent others who are enjoying life when you are in a state of sorrow. You cannot demand your relatives and friends to join your extended grief and mourning. You must not tarnish their memory of the deceased by becoming morbid, bitter, resentful or vindictive.

Your grief and loneliness is a private matter between you and the Lord. Your loneliness belongs to you alone, in the same manner; your confidence belongs to you alone.

The death of the deceased is a perfect decision of God (no matter how brutal and ruthless the manner maybe). We know very little about them but God is perfectly knowledgeable. To complain and to ask God about His perfect decision is to question His sovereignty and righteousness.

Our sorrow (no matter how grievous) is just temporal and personal matter. It is not the affair of the whole community or the affair of the local church. The believer is displaying his immaturity by asking or soliciting sympathy from others.

The Christian life is a life of victory and the believer must appropriate or apply that victory from moment to moment of his sojourning in the world.

We are fighting and advancing from the VICTORY OF CHRIST not to gain our own.