

DO NOT BE AFRAID

The Consequences Of Fear II

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: The consequence of operating in fear can be deadly

I. REVIEW-Fear makes you vulnerable to the onslaught of the enemy

- A. Psalm 18:30-Who gets to determine whether or not God is their shield?
 - 1. You can't trust God & be afraid at the same time; you can feel afraid & trust God, but if you're being afraid, then you're not trusting Him
- B. If God is your shield, then this shield is impenetrable (Psalm 91)
 - 1. Daniel 3:28, 1 Samuel 17, John 8:59-Satan couldn't penetrate the shield
- C. Fear brings the shield down (Job 1:10, 3:25-26)
- D. It's God's will that you be kept/guarded from evil (John 17:15, 1 John 5:18)
 - 1. Proverbs 29:25-Even though it's God's will, this is the reality

II. Fear will connect you to the thing you fear and bring it to pass

- A. Fear is a twisted form of faith; fear is not feeling it's believing
 - 1. God put faith in Adam and when Adam sinned Satan twisted/perverted faith
 - a. What was faith in God to bless, provide, & protect became faith in Satan to steal, kill, & destroy
 - b. Fear is confidence/belief in Satan to bring misfortune in your life
 - c. Fear is believing that something bad is going to happen
 - 2. Mark 4:40-Fear was their problem and yet he didn't address their feeling, he addressed their believing
- B. Belief is a connector; Belief connects you to the unseen realm
 - 1. Faith is a belief that will connect you to what u desire and bring it to pass-Mark 11:24-Through believing u can get what u desire from the unseen to the seen
 - a. Matthew 8:13, 9:18,23-25 9:22-Healing was in the unseen, but faith connected them to it and brought into the seen
 - b. Matthew 14-Provision couldn't be seen, but faith connected them to it and brought it into the seen
 - 2. Fear is a belief that will connect you to the thing you dread & bring it to pass
 - a. Your fear will connect you to the thing you fear and bring to pass the way your faith will connect to the thing you believe and bring it to pass
 - b. Hebrews 11:1-Faith is the confidence that what you desire will come to pass; fear is confidence that what you dread will come to pass
 - 3. Proverbs 23:7, 4:23-Good or bad your life is a sum-total of what you believe

C. What you fear will come on you

1. Job 3:25-Job's fear connected him to the thing he feared & brought it to pass
2. Proverbs 10:24-Operating in fear is wicked & your fear will come on you
 - a. Fear is wicked/twisted faith; when u operate in fear u operate in wickedly
 - b. Job was not wicked, he was righteous, but when he operated in fear he operated wickedly and his fears came on him
3. Gen 31:31-32, 35:16-19, 49:31-Jacob feared losing his wives and it came on him
4. Exodus 14:10-14, Numbers 26:65-This generation of the COI feared dying in the wilderness the moment they left Egypt and what they feared came upon them
5. 1 Sam 28:5,31:3-Saul feared dying at the hands of the Philistines & it happened
6. Jeremiah 26:20-23-Urijah feared and acted on the fear by fleeing to Egypt and the thing that he feared came upon him and he was murdered
7. Jeremiah 41-43-This wicked man Ishmael was a murderer and was holding people captive. When Johanan heard that he got people together & fought Ishmael & his men and won, but Ishmael escaped.
 - a. 41:17-18-Johanan feared the Chaldeans would retaliate against these people b/c of what Ishmael did
 - b. 42:5-6-They told Jeremiah to pray & tell them what to do and they'd do it
 - c. 42:11-They were afraid of the King of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)
 - d. 42:9-17-They feared the sword and they feared famine
 - 1) To go down to Egypt would be for them to go down b/c they feared war and famine & they thought going to Egypt would keep them fed & safe, but to go down there was to go down in fear not trusting God
 - e. 43:2-7-They went down to Egypt b/c they feared famine and the sword
 - f. 44:12,26-28-The famine they feared, the sword they feared came on them

D. If the thing you fear will come on you, then the thing you faith will come on you

1. Instead of connecting yourself to bad things by fearing/dreading them, be free from fear & connect yourself to good things by believing you have them
2. If fearing something could bring that thing to pass; then faithing something could bring that thing to pass
3. If fear connects you to bad, faith must disconnect you from bad

III. Fear deactivates the power of God and keep God power from working in your behalf

A. Matt 14:24-31-Peter is a man doing something supernatural by the power of God

1. Peter stepped out on the water by faith and accessed God's power

- a. The power of God didn't shut off until the fear began and when the fear began the oppression started
- 2. Fear deactivated that power & w/ that power off Satan could oppress & win
 - a. With that power working Satan can't win (Acts 10:38, Isaiah 54:14)
- B. If operating in fear deactivates God's power, then operating faith must activate it
 - 1. Could you stay in faith and love, activate God's power and never be oppressed by Satan again?

IV. Fear grants Satan access into your life

- A. Ephesians 4:27-If you can give place or not give place to him
- B. 1 Peter 5:8-Fear is grants him access
 - 1. 6-Pride would be taking the care and operating in fear, when God has designated himself the caretaker; you're not better at His job than He his
 - 2. 7-Cast all of your care; that means you have none
 - 3. 8-Be sober (calm & collected) & be vigilant (watch, give attention, be active)
 - 4. 8-He's seeking who will give him access/place by getting over into fear
 - 5. 9-If you'll resist him in faith he'll flee because he has no access (James 4:7)
- C. If fear grants Satan access, then a person who doesn't operate in fear gives him no access into their lives
 - 1. Satan can want to do something to you, but without fear his access is denied
 - 2. Satan wanted to kill David, but couldn't; wanted to kill the three Hebrews, but couldn't; wanted to kill Daniel, but couldn't; wanted to kill Jesus, but couldn't because access was denied

V. When Satan sees you fearless, it's a clear sign/message to him that he loses and you win (Philippians 1:28)

- A. If the consequences of fear are it makes you vulnerable, connects you to what you dread, deactivates God's power, and grants Satan access, then the results of not walking in fear must be it keeps you safe, disconnects you from evil and connects you to good things you desire, activates God's power, and denies Satan access