

CONQUERING FEAR

AS CHILDREN AND SERVANTS OF GOD

FEAR

- **An unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain, or harm: As noun**
- **Be afraid of (someone or something) as likely to be dangerous, painful, or harmful: As verb**

- **It is experienced not only by humans but also by other creatures**
- **According to the bible- this was due to sin**
- **Fear does not exist in heaven- Because there is nothing or no one to cause fear**

FEAR AND FEARLESSNESS

- Fear and fearlessness can be rational or irrational
- Rational fear- Is when someone fears to someone or something more powerful and irrational fear is when we fear for something we need not fear
- Rational fearlessness is when we overcome fear with a valid reason and irrational fearlessness is when we are fearless to someone or something we need to fear

THE CONSEQUENCES OF FEAR

- WE ARE NOT JOYFUL BUT RESTLESS
- WE MISS OUT ON THE BLESSINGS THAT GOD HAS FOR US
- WE FAIL TO PROGRESS IN OUR PURPOSE AND LIVE A DEFEATED LIFE
- WE CAN BECOME WEARY IN OUR WALK IN CHRIST

FEAR OF GOD- IT IS A RATIONAL FEAR

- Do not be wise in your own eyes
Fear the Lord and depart from evil
- Oh fear the Lord you His saints
There is no want to those who fear Him(Ps 34:9)
- Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling
- Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge(Prov:1:7)
- Fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy one is understanding

FEAR OF MAN – It is a snare

- Hear my voice , O God in my meditation
Preserve my life from the fear of the enemy
- The Lord is on my side, I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

DELIVERANCE IN THE LORD- It is real

- And He delivered from all my fears(Ps 34:4)
- *For the Lord has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.*
- For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry “Abba, Father”
Rom8:15

GOD'S PEOPLE AND FEAR

- Godly people have been engulfed in fear
- Ungodly people have been free of fear

GODLY PEOPLE MANIFESTED FEAR

- Abraham feared for his life
- David says that he was in fear
- Elijah feared to the threats made by Jezebel
- Jesus feared of suffering

SCENARIOS

	Fearful	Fearless
Godly	Crippled and restless	Free and joyful
Ungodly	Bound	Deceived

CAUSES OF FEAR IN THE LIFE OF GODLY

OUR STATUS-

OUR PERCEPTION

OUR ASSOCIATION

FEARS OF THE UNGODLY

- Fear of death
- Fear of misfortune or calamity
- Fear of enemies/ opponents
- Fear of sickness
- Fear of loss

FEAR OF THE GODLY

- Fear of God
- Fear of opposition/persecution
- Fear of failure
- Fear of fall
- Fear of evil one
- Fear of suffering and pain
- Fear of trials

Manifestations of fear

- It can manifest as a reflex

Elijah ran for his life

Peter denied of knowing Jesus

- It can manifest as a lifestyle

Moses ran away from Egypt

Abraham feared for his life and lived a lie

THE CHANGE

- Godly encounters altered the course
 - God replaced the fear with courage and boldness
 - Their outlook changed and their destiny became different
- Godly anointing and association changed the outlook

1 Sam 17

When the whole nation was afraid of one man the atmosphere changed due to one man's outlook

Handling fear Godly vs World

- The godless make effort to shield themselves from what they fear of
- The godly deals with fear **with faith** when it comes to the worldly challenges and deals **with love** when it comes to fear of God
- Fear is faced with confidence and cockiness by the ungodly
- Fear is overcome with humility and gracefulness by the godly

GOD'S people overcame fear

- They did not allow the fear to rule their lives but lived overcoming the fear they had
- They trusted in the promises of God
- They prayed to God
- They experienced the deliverance from God

WHAT ARE THE FEARS THAT WE HAVE

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WHAT IS OUR EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING FEAR?

- TESTIMONY TIME

WHAT IS THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE TODAY?

- FACE YOUR FEARS WITH THE LORD
- ASSOCIATE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE WHEN IN FEAR
- PRAY UNTIL DELIVERANCE
- DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A DIVINE ENCOUNTER
- HOLD ON TO THE PROMISES OF GOD
- DEAL WITH THE CAUSE OF FEAR IN THE LORD GOD

RATIONAL FEARLESSNESS

Godly fearlessness is Maturity

Ungodly fearlessness is foolishness