

# WHAT YOU ARE NOT TO FEAR

## A Survey of Key Biblical Texts

### Adapted from My Sermon on Exodus 20:18-26

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What do you fear? Spiders? Snakes? Being in tight or high places? Swimming in the ocean? Running out of money? Never getting married? Your children rejecting the Lord? Persecution? Evil people? Or all the above? We all have fears to one degree or another and not all fear is bad. Fearing the Lord is not only good but commanded in the Word of God. All the other kinds of fear, e.g., fear of man, beasts, deprivation, persecution, suffering, and death are all covered if we have a healthy fear of the Lord. Consider what the Bible says *we are not to fear, be anxious, worried, or fret about*:

1. Do not fear pagan, warring nations (Numb. 14:9; Deut. 3:22; 7:17-21; 31:6, 8; Josh. 8:1; 10:8, 25; 11:6; Isa. 10:24).
2. Do not fear pagan kings (Numb. 21:34; Deut. 3:2; 2 Kings 1:15; 19:6; Isa. 7:3-7; Jer. 42:11).
3. Do not fear hard tasks assigned to you by the Lord (Deut. 1:21; 1 Chron. 22:12-13).
4. Do not fear past sins you have repented of (1 Sam. 12:19-20).
5. Do not be afraid of what appears to be overwhelming military might, (Deut. 20:1-3; 2 Kings 6:16; Ps. 3:6; 91:5; 2 Chron. 20:14-17).
6. Do not be afraid of terrors of the night (Ps. 91:5).
7. Do not be afraid of pestilence (Ps. 91:6).
8. Do not fear foreign gods (2 Kings 17:37-39).
9. Do not fear those who oppose the Lord's work (Neh. 4:14).
10. Do not fear evil men (Ps. 37:1; 56:11; 118:6; Prov. 24:19).

11. Do not fear the wicked, rich, and prosperous (Ps. 37:7-8; 49:16).
12. Do not fear to proclaim the gospel (Isa. 40:9).
13. Do not fear God's judgments on the wicked if you know the Lord, (Isa. 41:9-14).
14. Do not fear God's salvation will fall short (Isa. 43:1-7; 44:1-8; Jer. 30:10).
15. Do not fear the reproach of man (Isa. 51:7-9).
16. Do not fear idols (Jer. 10:5).
17. Do not fear that God's promises will fail (Isa. 44:7-8; Jer. 46:27-28; Hag. 2:4-5; Zech. 8:13-15).
18. Do not fear those who oppose the gospel (Mt. 10:26; 1 Pet. 3:14).
19. Do not fear those who kill the body (Mt. 10:28-31; Lk. 12:4-7).
20. Do not fear to obey the Lord's calling on your life (Lk. 5:10).
21. Do not fear Jesus being physically absent (Jn. 14:27).
22. Do not fear ruling authorities in doing what is right (Rom. 13:3).
23. Do not be afraid of ungodly rulers (Jer. 23:4).
24. Do not fear suffering persecution (Rev. 2:10).
25. Do not be worried about food (Mt. 6:25-34; Lk. 12:22-32).
26. Do not be worried about drink (Mt. 6:25-34; Lk. 12:22-32).
27. Do not be worried about clothing (Mt. 6:25-34; Lk. 12:22-32).
28. Do not worry about tomorrow (Mt. 6:34; Lk. 12:22-32).

29. Do not fear hard times will extinguish the promises of the Lord (Zeph. 3:14-20).
30. Do not be afraid of missing out on the kingdom of God if you know the Lord (Lk. 12:32).
31. Do not be afraid of false prophets and what they say (Deut. 18:22).
32. Do not worry about what you are to say when arrested for preaching the gospel (Mt. 10:19; Mk. 13:11; Lk. 12:11).
33. Do not fear increasing numbers of false Christs, false prophets, wars, rumors of wars, famines, and earthquakes (Mt. 24:4-8).
34. Be anxious for nothing (Phil. 4:6).