

No Fear
This Year!!

Introduction

A. Fear Will Spoil This New Year For Many

1. Fear is common to all of us

Genesis 3:10

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

2. Fear robs life of fulness and joy, brings gloom instead of gladness

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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B. The First “Fear Not” in The Bible

1. It was given to Abram, the man of faith
Hebrews 11:8-10

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

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B. The First “Fear Not” in The Bible - continued

2. Fear and faith are opposites, as faith increases, fear decreases

Mark 4:40

And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

3. Sometimes, like Abram, we experience fear after a great victory

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C. A Promise Was Given To Abram To Overcome His Fears

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Three Things We Need To Take Note Of

I. The Person Making This Promise

A. A promise is only as good as the person making it

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

I. The Person Making This Promise

B. This promise is from the Lord

1. He is the One who made heaven and earth

Psalm 121:2

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

2. He is the One who cannot lie

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

I. The Person Making This Promise

B. This promise is from the Lord - continued

3. He is the One who can do anything but fail

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

I. The Person Making This Promise

STAND ON
HIS
PROMISES

II. The Protection Accompanying This Promise

“I am thy shield”

**A. Moses told Israel they had been saved by the Lord,
their shield**

Deuteronomy 33:29

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

II. The Protection Accompanying This Promise

B. David called the Lord his shield

Psalm 33:20

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 84:11

For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

“The Christian still finds light and shelter in the Lord his God, a sun for happy days and a shield for dangerous one.” - Charles Spurgeon

II. The Protection Accompanying This Promise

C. Faith in God shields us from Satan's attacks

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

D. Solomon said God is a shield to those who trust in Him

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

III. The Prospects Resulting From This Promise

“I am thy ... exceeding great reward

A. Abram had refused the rewards of the king of Sodom

**1. Abram had rescued Lot and others from
Chedorlaomer**

2. He could have had great rewards for this rescue

3. Does he now have second thoughts about this?

B. The Lord would be a greater reward

C. Do you see the Lord as your reward?

Consider ...

A. God Meets Us Where We Are Offering Salvation

John 6:37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Consider

B. God's Promise of Peace Is To All Who Come To Jesus

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Consider

C. God's Protection Is Given To Those Who Belong To Him

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Consider

D. The Lord Himself Is The Reward Of Those Who Believe

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

***What Are You
Doing With Fear?***