

Fear

Not

Luke 1:30

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:8-14

Introduction

A. We all have fears

2 Corinthians 7:5

For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

B. Some fears are valid, some misapplied

C. Things we fear

1. Failure

2. The unknown

3. Threats

4. The unexpected

I. The Fear Of The Unexpected

Luke 1:30

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

I. The Fear Of The Unexpected

A. “Fear not, Mary”

B. Mary’s life up to then very normal

C. She was troubled at his saying

D. But what good news the angel brought that day

1. She had the favor of God

2. She was going to be part of the biggest miracle

1 Peter 1:10

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Matthew 1:18-25

**18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with child of
the Holy Ghost.**

**19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and
not willing to make her a public example, was minded
to put her away privily.**

**20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the
angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream,
saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto
thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her
is of the Holy Ghost.**

Matthew 1:18-25 - continued

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

II. The Fear Of Personal Loss

Matthew 1:18-25 - continued

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

II. The Fear Of Personal Loss

A. Joseph had a dream of a future with Mary

B. Those dreams were dashed

C. Joseph was afraid of the loss, not the angel

D. Fearing loss can hold back blessing

E. Joseph would not lose Mary and would gain more

Matthew 19:29

**And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren,
or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or
lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an
hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**

Luke 2:8-14

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

III. The Fear Of Meeting God

Luke 2:8-14 - continued

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

III. The Fear Of Meeting God

A. Many have shared that fear and awe

1. Abraham

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.

2. Job

Job 40:5

Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

III. The Fear Of Meeting God

A. Many have shared that fear and awe - continued

3. Isaiah

Isaiah 6:5

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

4. Peter

Luke 5:8

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

III. The Fear Of Meeting God

B. You may fear meeting God

Hebrews 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But Here Is Good News

2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.