

Fear

Fear is common to all mankind. In the Natural sense no-one is free from it. It invaded man's soul when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden. Gen.3:9-10

There are many types of Fear that bind people

- Darkness
- Evil
- Death
- Growing old
- Loneliness
- Rejection
- Nightmares
- Violence
- Thieves
- Dogs
- Spiders
- Snakes ... The list goes on and on

Very odd and obscure Fears and Phobias

- Fear of clocks - Chronomentrophobia
- Fear of leaves - Phyllophobia
- Fear of the colour purple - Porphyrophobia

Types of fear (continued)

Any of these can 'Hold' a person 'hostage' and in a 'prison' that God doesn't want you living with.

`The Lord the Holy Spirit can 'Deliver' ANYONE from ANY Fear. IF THEY BELIEVE and come to Him IN FAITH.

But there are 2 Fears specifically that God would remind us of this morning that are not listed here!

One has a negative 'effect' and the other a 'positive' one on our lives.

The Fear of Man and The Fear of God/the Lord

Prov.29:25 says - The Fear of Man bringeth a 'snare' but

The Fear of God/the Lord - bringeth Wisdom, Knowledge and understanding. Prov. 1:7 9:10. Ps.111:10

The Fear of God that we are talking about here is **NOT** being 'afraid' of God, like Adam and Eve experienced in the garden, for that has to do with punishment

2 Tim. 1-7.

The Fear of God/Lord is to 'live in' a reverential awe of him without having a 'negative fear'

Let's look at 'the Fear of Man'

The Fear of Man causes us as Christians to 'sin' in many ways.

Basically, this Fear can cause us to 'Compromise' God's Word to us in a given situation.

Let's look at some servants of God who compromised and disobeyed God and what the 'fruit or result of their 'compromise' through the 'Fear of Man' was...

Abraham's 'treachery and lying'

Through the absolute 'fear of man' (in fear of his own life) he was willing to lie and hand his wife over to Pharaoh even though God had promised to make him the 'Father of many nations'

Genesis.11-20 also 20:1-18.

King Saul's 'disobedience'

When you fear God (revere and honour Him) you naturally obey Him. If you don't revere Him you will do the opposite, disobey! God gave him a 'strict command' to utterly destroy His enemies the Amalekites and all their livestock.

1 Samuel 15:22-24.

Peter's Denial of Christ

Again! through the absolute 'fear of man' when under real pressure from the 'Godless' that recognised him he not only 'denied' Christ but entered into a 'tirade of abuse' at his accusers

Matthew 26:69-75.

And what of others such as Ahab
and Elijah?

Living in or under the 'Fear of God'

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Prov.9:10

No lack or want. Ps.34:9

Puts you in right standing. Ps.52:6

God's Mercy is with you. Ps.103:11

God's blessing is upon you. Ps.115:13

It will keep you from evil. Prov.1:33

It will be healing to your body. Prov. 3:8

It will prolong your days. Prov.10:27

It brings strong confidence and also refuge to your children. Prov.14:26

It is a fountain of life. Prov.14:27

And of course! You will NOT FEAR MAN. Ps.56:3-4









