

“Fear Not”: Biblical Truth in the face of the Covid-19 crisis.



What God’s Word says about Fear

The exact phrase “Fear not” occurs 63 times in the Bible.

“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.*” Genesis 15:1, KJV.

The LORD is our Protector and Provider

The Bible verse quoted above is the first occurrence of 63 times God says, “Fear not”. The LORD encourages Abraham by commanding him to “fear not” because he will protect him as his “shield” and provide for him as his “reward”. The Lord is our protector and provider, we need not fear. But it is important to note, almost every time God says to “fear not” it is not a request, but a command. Fear is the opposite of faith, and as members of God’s family and kingdom, he expects his people to trust in Him, and not fear. Abraham, as the “father of faith”, is the first to receive the command to “fear not”.

Much of the world’s reaction to the Covid-19 situation is motivated by fear. While this real disease can result in death and bad sickness in some, the vast majority of people are in no real danger, even if they get the virus. Most “cases” are not cases of concern.

- People are afraid because of false projections and constant one-sided media attention
- Politicians see it as an opportunity to exercise control through fear and for fear of losing power
- Businesses fear litigation or governmental repercussions
- Big Pharma fears losing \$\$s if non-patented remedies are shown effective

Yet the greatest fear driving reactions to this pandemic is the “fear of death”. The fear of death is the powerful force that drives people to compromise their liberty, which leads to slavery. Jesus Christ can deliver you from this fear if you will allow him to.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them **who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**” Hebrews 2:14, 15, KJV.

One thing is certain, that every person born will follow the circle of life and one day leave this earth through death. (Hebrews 9:27) Being set free from the fear of death does not mean we will not die, it just means that death no longer has the “sting” it once did, because Jesus (the LORD) has promised those who love him will spend eternity with him.

Respond to Fear with Faith and Love

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7, KJV.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18.

Replace your tormenting fear with love and faith in God, and love for others. Faith can be defined as trust that leads to action. Love is what puts faith into action. (Galatians 5:6) Faith comes by hearing God’s word. (Romans 10:17)

The LORD is our Healer

“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.” Exodus 15:26, KJV.

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5, KJV.

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” 1 Peter 2:24, KJV.

Please put your trust in Jesus today, conquer the fear of death through faith in God’s promise of everlasting life. Even if for some reason Covid-19 or any other evil disease inflicts your body, you will know that eternity in heaven awaits you with the promise of resurrection. In addition, prayer can make the difference on earth. Living your life for Christ has dual benefits:

“... godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8, KJV.

“Fear not, for I am with you” the LORD says to his children.

Q&A

Q: Is God greater than Covid-19?

A: Yes, God is sovereign over all creation.

“Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.” Deuteronomy 4:39, NKJV.

Q: Why is there sickness in the world?

A: Humanity was and is made subject to sickness and death as a consequence of our rebellion against God from the garden till today. But God’s grace in Christ allows us to overcome death.

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. ...What a contrast between Adam and Christ, who was yet to come! And what a difference between our sin and God’s generous gift of forgiveness. ... For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but we have the free gift of being accepted by God, even though we are guilty of many sins. The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us, but all who receive God’s wonderful, gracious gift of righteousness will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:12-17, NLT.



What Must you do to Receive Christ?

“Call on the name of the Lord, and you will be saved” (Acts 2:21)

Please take the time right now to confess you are a sinner, turn away (repent) from your sins, and turn toward God. Put your faith and trust in the price Jesus the Messiah (Christ) paid for our sins on the cross, and the new life and power of his resurrection from the dead. A sample prayer:

“Dear Father, I confess that I am a sinner. I have sinned against you, and right now I turn from my sins and ask you to forgive me through the death that your son Jesus paid on the cross. Jesus, I put my faith and trust in you as my savior, my protector, and my great reward. I surrender my fear to you. Come into my heart, I make you Lord of my life. Amen”

If you said that prayer to God with all your heart, you are a new creation in Christ Jesus. Next Steps:

- Tell someone else about your new commitment to Jesus Christ
- Begin reading your Bible every day, start in the New Testament gospel of Matthew or Luke
- Find other Christians to get together with and enjoy God and study his word (the Bible)
- Receive water baptism

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