

DO NOT FEAR

G O D I S I N C O N T R O L



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Do Not Fear God Is In Control

■ Matthew 10:24-33

Strong's G5399 in the following manner: fear_ (62x), be afraid (23x), be afraid of (5x), reverence (1x), *miscellaneous* (2x).

- I.* to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away)
 - A.* to put to flight, to flee
 - B.* to fear, be afraid
 - i.* to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm
 - a.* of those startled by strange sights or occurrences
 - b.* of those struck with amazement
 - ii.* to fear, be afraid of one
 - iii.* to fear (i.e. hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm)
 - C.* to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience



- **Fear of Persecution**
- **Fear of Death**
- **Fear of Injury**

Fear of Persecution

■ Matthew 12:22-29

- When Jesus was casting out demons by the power of God, His enemies were saying, 'He is doing that by the power of the devil (Beelzebul; ruler of demons)

■ Romans 8:28-39

- We are called to conform to the image (morally) and ultimately in the likeness (spiritually) of Jesus Christ. Genesis 1:26-27; I John 3:1-3
- Image includes "righteousness, holiness and knowledge" (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10)



Fear of Persecution

■ **Isaiah 41:10**

- **Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

■ **I Corinthians 4:1-5**

- **Many believers have suffered the damage of their character and reputation by men.**
- **If what was said about us was false, God will one day restore our reputation and character and see to it that we 'have the praise of God'**



Fear of Death

■ John 5:21-30

- Man's power is limited. The worst that he can do is to kill the body. Men can only separate us from this world, not from the Life to be given by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.
- Christ is to be feared much more than men because He has the power to totally destroy us.
- So the contrast is between the total and final destruction in *Gehenna* and the limited nature of merely physical death.



Fear of Death

■ Psalm 23:4

- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

■ II Timothy 1:7

- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

■ John 11:17-45

- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live

Fear of Injury

■ Matthew 10:29-31

- So the point here is that there is an injury which causes pain and hurt. People are afraid to get hurt, and that's a normal reaction.
- God is able to take all the injuries and pain of a believer and work them all out for his good. He can give purpose, meaning and significance to everything that happens to a person.



Fear of Injury

■ Romans 5:1-5

- ...we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...

■ Isaiah 53:5

- But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

■ Revelation 21:4

- He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

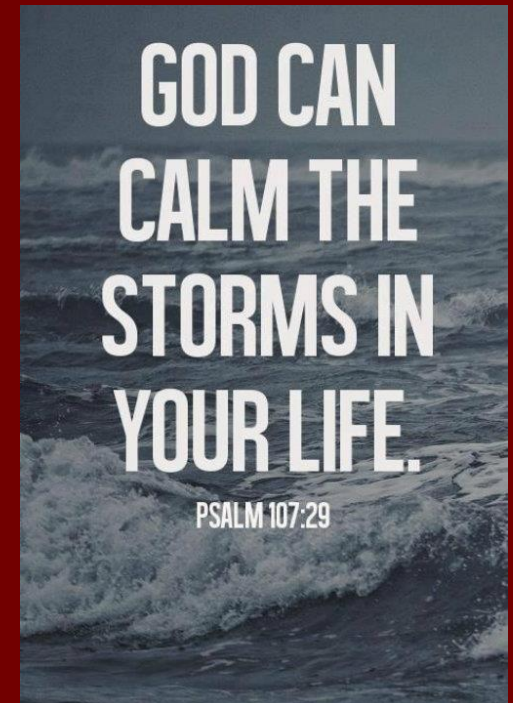
Fear Is The Opposite of Faith

- **Believing (Faith) in Our Father and Jesus Christ eliminates fear, through trust in their love and care.**
- **Mark 5:21-43**
 - ✓ **If we can believe that God's power has no limit and that He loves us, what is there to fear?**
 - ✓ **Faith dispels fear.**
 - ✓ **The more you have faith, the less you will be fearful.**

**KEEP
BELIEVING
MARK 5:36**

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- **Matthew 8:23-27 / Mark 4:35-41 / Psalm 107:23-32**
 - ✓ **'Why are you so afraid, you of little faith?'**
 - ✓ **This reply implies that the disciples ought not to have been afraid.**
 - ✓ **Instead, they should have trusted Him.**
 - ✓ **It was because of their lack of faith that the disciples feared that they were about to drown, and it was for their lack of faith that they were rebuked by Jesus.**



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- **I John 4:16-21**
 - ✓ **The solution to fear is not a change in circumstances (even though it can provide a temporary relief) but a deep grounding in the love of God.**
 - ✓ **The more we trust God's love and care, the more fear is conquered in our lives.**



Application to Life – Do Not Fear

■ Matthew 10:32-33

- Faith is founded in the **Justice of God**
- Faith is founded in the **Power of God**
- Faith is founded in the **Love of God**

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

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- ✓ Hear (Rom. 1:16; 10:14, 17)
 - ✓ Believe (John 8:24; Mark 16:16; Heb. 11:6)
 - ✓ Repent (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30)
 - ✓ Confess (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
 - ✓ Be baptized (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mark 16:16)
 - ✓ Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 6:33; Rom. 12:1-2; I Cor. 15:58)