

When one fears God aright, he rightly fears nothing else.

Fear

Negative: agitation and anxiety caused by the presence of danger; a feeling of dread, disquiet or apprehension

Positive: extreme reverence or awe, as in **the** fear of God+ (Prov 1:7; 9:10)

From mild anxiety, dread and apprehension on the one hand, to full blown panic attacks on the other, negative fear is a universal experience. A quick check of **the** fear, **am** afraid, **and** their related forms in one translation of the Bible show them used in 635 verses. Common negative fears include the fear of failure, fear of change, fear of rejection, fear of looking foolish, fear of abandonment, fear of loss, and the fear of danger.

Negative fear was conceived by rebellion and birthed in the heart of Adam and Eve immediately upon their first transgression. They embraced a lie, lost their holy fear of God and immediately found themselves possessed by a panic attack causing them to flee from the very Source of life and peace.

Jesus warned us of the necessity of one fear and the needlessness of all others "ō **do not fear** those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But **rather fear Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Do not fear therefore**; you are of more value than many sparrows.+ Matt 10:28-31

Scores and scores of times we are told in the scriptures **not to fear**. **There** is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.+ 1 John 4:18

Two simple rules when it comes to fear:

Rule 1: Face your fears. (Admit the reality of them. Confess your fears to God and your fellow believers.)

Rule 2: Categorize your fear. If your fear is **the** Fear of Isaac, **then** embrace it and rejoice. Genesis 31:42

If your fear is **the** fear of man, **face** it and label it as an unholy fear and one that Jesus forbids.

Rule 3: Destroy unholy fears by taking them into the presence of God in worship, praise and prayer.

Negative fear cannot remain in His awesome presence.

Love for God **and** **the** fear of God **are** not opposed to each other. Rather, they are indispensable components of a heart of worship. It is this positive fear of God that destroys all negative fears.

It is an amazing paradox that the fear of God removes all other fears and the lack of the fear of God breeds every other fear.

The answer to unholy fear is not trying to pretend you're not afraid or convincing yourself you're brave.

The answer to unholy fear is worship!

Enter the presence of the Holy One and the fear of God will cause unholy fear to die.

It's not about the power of your fear, but about the presence of your God.

His presence is fullness of joy!+Psalm 16:11

For Further Study: Genesis 3; Genesis 15; Exodus 14; Joshua 1; Psalm 16; Psalm 27; Psalm 46; Isaiah 6; Matt 10:28-31
Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 9:10 Make a list of your unholy fears and take them to God in prayer and praise.
Focus on His glory and greatness until all other fears are gone.

Lord, you know my weak and wayward heart. My fear causes me to minimize Your majesty. My self confidence causes me to minimize my enemy. O Fear of Isaac, God of the Universe, I bow before You. Give me Your fear that all other fears may cease. You are worthy of holy fear, for You are God over all. My life, my time, my family, my very existence depends on You. Do with me what brings You greatest glory. Let my peace and joy in You be evident so that all may **see**, and fear, and trust in You, **O** Lord of Hosts, **O** God of Jacob, **O** Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen+

Remember, you are very special to us and are praying for you continually.

Living with leaving in view.... Jn 9:4 Ron & Val

Seeing The Invisible, embracing The Unapproachable, declaring The Unexplainable, changed by The Immutable, running after The Irresistible with inexhaustible joy in our inexpressible sorrows, spending our time on eternity, owning nothing yet possessing everything that matters and lasts. We are Pilgrims in Paradox. Welcome to THE JOURNEY.