

Faith vs. Fear Wed 7/11/18

Revelation 1:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Psalm 118:6 (NKJV)

⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Isaiah 54:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you.

¹⁵ Indeed they shall surely assemble, *but* not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. Isaiah 54:17(NKJV)

¹⁷ No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness *is* from Me,” Says the LORD. Hebrews 13:6 (NKJV)

⁶ So we may boldly say: “The LORD *is* my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Satan cannot do anything to us apart from fear, anymore than God can do something for us apart from faith. Faith moves God because God is faith. Fear moves satan because fear is satan.

What faith is.

Hebrews 11:1-6 (NKJV)

11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.

² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

A. Spirit force.

B. God’s creative power.

C. The substance of things hoped for, creative power of divine work, basis of pleasing God, shield of Christian armor.

What is fear.

Mark 4:37-41 (NKJV)

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace,

be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?”

⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

To have fear is to lack faith in God and His providence.

Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

He gave you a gift.

1. Spirit of boldness

Romans 8:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

2. Spirit of power.

Luke 24:49 (NKJV)

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

3. Spirit of love.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

4. Spirit of a sound mind, understanding and judgment.

A. A spiritual force.

B. Satan’s destructive power.

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How does faith work.

A. Faith comes by hearing the Word.

Romans 10:8-17 (NKJV)

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who ^[a]preach the gospel of peace,

Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?”

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

B. Faith is developed by meditating and acting on God’s Word.

James 1:22 (NKJV)

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 2:17-24 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

C. Faith is applied by speaking of things that are not as though they were.

Romans 4:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life

to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

D. Jesus is the author and developer of our faith.

How does fear work?

*1. A fear works or comes by hearing the word of world.
(mostly under the influence of satan.)*

Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)

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Mark 4:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

2. Fear is now.

A. Fear is developed by mediating and acting on satan’s lies.

B. Fear is applied by speaking of things that are as though they were.

C. Fear demands compromise, satan supports and develops fear. Fear becomes doubt and unbelief when it acted upon.

3. Fear is NOT natural to the born-again believer

1 John 4:15-18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ 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.

A. Fear has to be received before it can enter the heart and stop faith.

Mark 4:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word,

¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Luke 21:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

We receive what we continually look at.

Proverbs 4:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ **But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”**

“FEAR NOT” is in the Bible over 60 times. To say I will not fear puts love (God’s love) to work, God can’t do this for you, you have to do it.

Stopping fear before it enters in is an act of the will.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV)

³ **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.**

⁴ **For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,**

⁵ **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**