Faith vs. Fear Wed 12/1/21

Revelation 1:17-18 NKJV

17And 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.

18I *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

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

# Isaiah 54:14-15 NKJV

# 14In 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. 15Indeed they shall surely assemble, *but* not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake.

# Hebrews 13:6 NKJV

# 6So 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, any more than God can do anything for us apart from faith. Faith moves God because faith is in God; fear moves satan because fear is in satan.*

# *What is faith?*

# Hebrews 11:1-6 NKJV

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

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

# 3By faith we understand that the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=heb+11%3A1-6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30176c)]worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

# 4By 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.

# 5By 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.

# 6But 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 spiritual force, God’s creative power and the substance of things hoped for.*

# What is fear?

# Mark 4:37-41 NKJV

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

# 38But 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?”

# 39Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace,be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

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

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

# Matthew 14:30 NKJV

# 30But 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

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

# *A spiritual force, satan’s destructive power. The substance of things NOT desired.*

# Isaiah 54:14 NKJV

# 14In 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.

# Matthew 14:30 NKJV

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

# *Fear was the substance of Peter’s undesirable failure.*

# *How does faith work? Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.*

# Romans 10:8-17 NKJV

# 8But 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):

# 9that 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.

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

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

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

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

# 14How 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?

# 15And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

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

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

# Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV

# 20My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

# Faith is developed through mediating and acting on God’s Word.

# James 1:17-24 NKJV

# 17Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

# 18Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

# 19So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

# 20for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

# 21Therefore lay aside all filthiness and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=james+1%3A17-24&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30288b)]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

# 23For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

# 24for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

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

# Romans 4:16-17 NKJV

# 16Therefore *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;

# *Jesus is the author and developer of our faith.*

# *How does fear work? Fear works or comes by hearing the word of the world.*

# Matthew 14:30 NKJV

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

# Luke 21:26 NKJV

# 26men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

# Mark 4:19 NKJV

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

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