

The Answer to Fearfulness - Week 7

1 John 4:11-19

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another. 12 No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us! 13 By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit. 14 And [besides] we ourselves have seen (have deliberately and steadfastly contemplated) and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son [as the] Savior of the world. 15 Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God. 16 And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him. 17 In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]. 19 We love Him, because He first loved us. AMP

- The unknown can cause us to be fearful, mainly because we let circumstances squash our _____.
- I believe fear is my inability to trust God's _____ and plan for my life.
- The love of God gives us as believers the _____ to elevate us, to lift us to a new walk and level to meet the _____ we will experience in life.

Three kinds of fear spoken of in scripture:

1. The fear of _____
Fear is the beginning of _____ according to the book of Proverbs, and it is the secret to _____.
2. The fear of _____
3. The fear that leads to _____ of spirit
Fear can lead us into spiritual _____ even as a believer because we either don't know truth, or we don't apply truth in our lives.

The _____ of Fear

There has to be _____ to God concerning sin and repentance in order to be restored to God.

What causes fear? The _____ of guilt.

- We must come _____ God's forgiveness with a broken heart over our sin.
- We must commit anew to be _____ in keeping God's Word.
- We must ask and trust God to deliver us from sin's _____.

Several truths here:

- God will not _____ us off. (Ps 108)
- God will not leave us with a lack of _____ (Phil 4)
- Where there is no peace there is _____ and fear.
- When fear comes it could come from daily _____.
- It might be the need for the _____ of Christ.

What can overcome all this?

The _____ of God

- The true love of God will _____ us to cast out fear.
- God allows us to return to our _____.

Final truths:

1. David had experienced God's goodness and love, because God had answered his _____. (Ps 51)
2. God is listening to our prayers, and looks not for a wish list, but a _____ _____. We cannot know this without practical _____ of needing that love desperately.
3. When fear is overwhelming, God's love will answer us with required _____.

God's love:

- _____ us
- is _____ by Christ
- compels us to _____ that love to others

In return, our love for God must be _____.