

FEARS CAN BE OVERCOME

Psalm 27:1-2

Introduction: Have something you are afraid of? Bugs, spiders, snakes, storms, etc. Everybody has fears. So, what is fear? It is alarm, care, despondency, dismay, dread, fright, gloom, horror, panic, terror. Many people look upon life as a continuous nightmare because FEAR has captured their thoughts, their very soul.

God wants to deliver us from fear and in the Bible there are many, many passages that tell us to "fear not!" *Psalm 23:4*

I. FEAR IS A VERY BIG PROBLEM FOR MANY

1. Many fear that others may disappoint them or that they may disappoint others.
2. Some fear failure because they feel inadequate.
3. There are those who fear that they will be just a "number" and not looked at as a real person.
4. Others have a fear of sickness, disease or having an accident.
5. For many there is a constant fear of nuclear catastrophe, war.
6. In today's time there is the fear of financial insecurity.
7. Everybody, in general, fears death.

II. GOD WANTS US FREE FROM THE AGONY OF FEAR (*2 Timothy 1:7*)

1. Fear steals happiness. One cannot be happy and fear at the same time.
2. Fear robs one of any possible worth-while achievements in his/her life.
3. Fear produces failure for those who fear are afraid to attempt anything unknown or difficult.

III. FAITH REMOVES FEAR

1. Faith that casts off fear is the faith that trusts in God, here, now and all the time. (*Psalm 27:1*)
 - God is not just of the past and future. God is very real this very moment and He is concerned about TODAY, right now.
2. The faith that removes fear is the faith that trusts God BECAUSE of yesterday. (*Psalm 27:2*)
 - God's faithfulness and abilities of the past should be plenty of proof of what He can do today.
 - What has God done in your past for you?

3. The faith that throws off (removes) fear is the faith that trusts God for tomorrow. (*Psalm 27:3*)
 - Our God follows us from our birth to our last breath. He never leaves us.

CONCLUSION:

1. Responding to God's concern toward us removes and conquers fear.
 - As we become aware of God's presence, of His will, trust Him, go ahead, do it.
2. Deliberately seeking God's presence and guidance will take away our fears. God is greater than anything or anybody we could ever possibly have a fear of.
3. Trust in God. Go to Him with your tiniest fear, turn it over to Him.