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Fear - The Opposite Of Faith
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In the previous teachings we have learned that fear is contaminated faith, fear and faith work exactly alike, the same principles apply with both, they work by hearing whether it is by the negative or by the positive. If we can walk in fear, then it is possible for us to walk in faith.

Job is probably one of the earliest books in the bible, and was probably a contemporary of Abraham, he was wealthier than Abraham, the bible says he was the richest man in the east and God said there was no man like my servant Job. He was perfect and upright in every area, yet he had a weak place known as fear. He failed to move over into faith, however, people came to Job for wisdom. The entire book of Job mentions him speaking of fear until he has a revelation in later life, he was always in the realm of self pity, he has lost everything, his family and all his wealth. This did not come from God, it had come from Satan wanting to destroy Job. Satan begin to destroy, first with his family and later with other things, wealth and friends included.

Job 3:25 "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me." KJV

Job was so fearful regarding his children that he would make sacrifices for them in case they had sinned in some way. He didn't cover them with prayer or faith even though they were disciples known and taught of the Lord. All his thoughts were negative affecting his belief system, so afraid that sometime he would lose all his children and everything that he had.

Fear is a powerful force, faith is a powerful force greater than the force of fear, but people are more prone to yield to the spirit of fear or doubt and unbelief than yield to a spirit of faith. Why? Because we are more prone to hear the negative side of life and what all is going wrong and why you can't be blessed and why you can't prosper and why your children can't be raised up to be righteous.

Fear is based on circumstances and faith is based on what God said. Fear wanders through our mind and it contaminates what the word of God is saying to us or what God has said to us. Fear cuts a path or leaves a pattern and will follow the same path that our parents have followed and that we are teaching our children, until that path is broken which it can be. The path or pattern must first be broken in us by the renewing of our minds.

In the following scripture, Job is telling of things that have happened to him regarding experiences that he had in the form of dreams or visions. Fear was the result of what had happened. A voice from God will not instill fear, it may cause us to prostrate before God but will not bring fear, fear came in when Adam and Eve sinned, they were afraid and began to hide from God. Just because we hear a voice from what we think is God is not necessarily correct, will not be from God if it instills fear in us. Job didn't know how to process all that happened to him. His friends came but they didn't have any encouragement for him.

Job 4:14-17 "Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up: 16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying, 17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?" KJV

We may have dreams in our lives, but must be careful as to who the dreams have come from. Receiving dreams from God without the word of God is not good. If we believe that we have heard from God in dreams regarding what our future or calling may be, we need to be careful in making plans, waiting to hear from God a second time, following the guidelines that have been set down in preparation to fulfill the dream. If we are to attend school or training of any kind then we need to grasp hold to the instruction for that, not just jumping out on our own and trying to fill the agenda of what has been set before us, watching out for any kind of offense that may arise and we must take on the role of a servant, wanting to be of help to others, not just expecting to receive all the time. The following scripture tells how we should consider the dreams that we receive.

Job 33:14-16 "14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; 16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction," KJV

Job was troubled with seeing the form thinking that it was God speaking to him, later in his life he finally received a revelation totally separate from works of who God was. Job was a person who thought that works were what pleased God.

Pro 1:26-27 "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you." KJV

Pro 1:29-33 "For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." KJV

Fear will cause us to lose all that we have, our families, our jobs and anything that has any meaning for us it is not a good servant. Deal with those fears that have been there for a long time, because they will come to pass. Fear does not bring good things, faith brings the good things. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. We cannot have faith beyond our knowledge of the word of God or the character of God.

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." KJV

Fear means alarm, is agitation that is caused by expecting and realizing that there could be future problems, a state of dread, apprehension, panic, terror or alarm.

In the old testament as well as the new testament, when the Lord brought a word, He prefaced it by "fear not", Paul received word from the Lord using the term fear not, Jesus many times used the words fear not. Faith expects and imagines the best, fear always leaves us with a wondering about the future, faith is now and believes what God is saying. When God spoke to Joshua in the old testament, He always told him to "fear not"

Acts 27:20-24 "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. 21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, **Fear not**, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." KJV

The following scriptures are examples of fear and faith, placed in front of King Hezekiah and his people and God gave them the choice as to who they would choose in the face of adversity, almost an impossible situation. Hezekiah had been a good king, loved God and was very successful in building up the kingdom, but toward the end of his reign he got caught up in pride, saying "look what I have done", he got sick and was told that he was going to die, but he repented and was allowed to live for a longer period of time.

In reading 2 Chronicles and 2 Kings the full story is told of what king Sennacherib of Assyria, was planning on doing and how King Hezekiah sought the Lord as to what he should do about the situation before him and his people. The circumstances which they were facing brought fear to them, even though Hezekiah and Isaiah had heard from God telling them to fear not. King Hezekiah reassured his people that the Lord would take care of them, but after receiving a word from King Sennacherib, they became fearful and begin to question what was told to them, words were the reason for the fear and doubt that was instilled in them. This is the reason that God gives a word so that we are able to stand in faith, not allowing fear to overtake us. The devils plan is to move us into the realm of fear.

2 Chron 32:6-9 "And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: 8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying," KJV

2 Chron 32:17-18 "He wrote also letters to rail on the Lord God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. 18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city." KJV

2 Kings 19:6 "And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me." KJV

Disciple is needed in order for us to feed our spirit and do the things that we want to do and to be successful. We cannot allow ourselves to fall in the mindset that we might be too old, well intended words that others have spoken to us, leaving a negative thought sometimes causing fear, we have to remain in faith regarding our futures and the things we are wanting to accomplish, our dreams and destinies that have been promised by the Lord.

2 Tim 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." KJV