

## **Fear is the Enemy of the Believer**

Fear paralyzes the believer. Fear is the opposite of faith.

**James 1:6-7 KJV** says, But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

We, as believers, have great things to do for God; but faith must be in operation for these things to come to pass. Fear robs us, because it causes our faith to be inoperative. Let's look at what happened to Peter when he got into fear.

**Matthew 14:29-31 KJV** And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.[31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

**Joshua 10:8, 25 KJV** And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. [25] And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

**Psalms 23:4 KJV** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
27:1 KJV The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
34:4 KJV I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

There have been times, after I was saved and filled with the Spirit, that I let the devil beat me out of God's blessings; because I got into fear. Fear caused me to not make a decision that I knew I was supposed to make. So, I was robbed by fear. There is so much potential in us that is never released because of fear. But how do we stop fear from operating in our lives? This is a question that has been asked by mankind since the beginning of time. To be free from something, you must know its origin. So where did fear come from?

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

Fear comes from the devil's spirit, but notice that God's Spirit removes the spirit of fear. The night I was filled with the Holy Spirit, I became fearless. I was an assistant pastor at the church my dad had founded. Now from the time I had gotten out of high school, I had been a mechanic. But there I was, 34 years old, couldn't talk properly, I had cheated my way through high school to graduate. I was so afraid to speak in public, but I was an assistant pastor. When the senior pastor wasn't there, I had to speak; and I was terrorized! But on the night I was filled with the Holy Ghost, I was so bold that I

preached without any fear at all! I had a healing service, and many people were set free by the power of God!

What happened to me is the same thing that happened to the 120 believers in the upper room in the second chapter of Acts. They had just seen Jesus crucified on the cross, and they were afraid that the same thing would happen to them. So they were in the upper room, afraid. But when they were filled with the Holy Ghost, fear left them.

I had been studying about the Holy Ghost in the Bible for two years before it happened to me. Faith had come into my heart on the subject of the Holy Ghost. Then after faith came, the Holy Ghost came; then fear left. Why did fear leave though? Fear has no power against the Holy Spirit!

Since the night that I was filled with the Holy Spirit, I have had fear try to come back on me. There have been times I yielded to it, and I became bound once again. But I learned how to get free the first time, so I did the same thing again; and freedom returned. I learned that all you have to do is yield to the Holy Ghost, and fear will leave you. The more we meditate on the Holy Spirit, study Him and yield to Him, the more we will see a boldness in our lives that we never thought we could experience. Fear will start losing its grip on our lives.

Tomorrow at Church, use your faith, and receive the Holy Spirit's ministry. Don't live a religious Christian life! Live a Holy Ghost, power-packed life!

Love you,  
Pastor Paul