

# Fear Not

There are two kinds of fear, **SERVILE**--a fear lest God should hurt me, and **FILIAL**--a fear lest I should grieve Him. They are utterly opposed. Servile fear dreads God, and issues in hatred, deceit and ultimate ruin.

In [Proverbs 8:13](#) and [16:6](#): "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" and "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." To fear Him is to hate evil and depart from it.

## THE WORD 'FEAR' IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

STRONG #	ENGLISH TRANSLATION	ORIGINAL WORD	TRANSLITERATED WORD
01481	<a href="#">fear</a>	rwg	guwr
01674	<a href="#">fear</a>	hgad	d@'agah
01763	<a href="#">fear</a>	lxd	d@chal (Aramaic)
02731	<a href="#">fear</a>	hdrx	charadah
02844	<a href="#">fear</a>	tx	chath
02849	<a href="#">fear</a>	txtx	chathchath
03016	<a href="#">fear</a>	rwgy	yagowr
03025	<a href="#">fear</a>	rgy	yagor
03372	<a href="#">fear</a>	ary	yare'
03372	<a href="#">fearful</a>	ary	yare'
03373	<a href="#">fear</a>	ary	yare'
03373	<a href="#">fearful</a>	ary	yare'
03374	<a href="#">fear</a>	hary	yir'ah
03374	<a href="#">fearfulness</a>	hary	yir'ah
0367	<a href="#">fear</a>	hmya	'eymah
04032	<a href="#">fear</a>	rwgm	magowr
04034	<a href="#">fear</a>	hrwgm	m@gowrah
04035	<a href="#">fear</a>	hrwgm	m@guwrah
04116	<a href="#">fearful</a>	rhm	mahar
04172	<a href="#">fear</a>	arwm	mowra'
06206	<a href="#">fear</a>	#r[	`arats
06342	<a href="#">fear</a>	dxp	pachad
06343	<a href="#">fear</a>	dxp	pachad
06345	<a href="#">fear</a>	hdxp	pachdah
06427	<a href="#">fearfulness</a>	twcllp	pallatsuwth
07267	<a href="#">fear</a>	zgr	rogez
07374	<a href="#">fear</a>	ttr	retet
07461	<a href="#">fear</a>	d[r	ra`ad
07461	<a href="#">fearfulness</a>	d[r	ra`ad

## THE WORD 'FEAR' IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

STRONG #	ENGLISH TRANSLATION	ORIGINAL WORD	TRANSLITERATED WORD
1167	<a href="#">fear</a>	deiliva	deilia
1169	<a href="#">fearful</a>	deilovß	deilos
1630	<a href="#">exceedingly fear</a>	e[kfoboß	ekphobos
2124	<a href="#">godly fear</a>	eujlavbeia	eulabeia
2124	<a href="#">fear</a>	eujlavbeia	eulabeia
2125	<a href="#">fearing</a>	eujlavevomai	eulabeomai
2125	<a href="#">moved with fear</a>	eujlavevomai	eulabeomai
5398	<a href="#">fearful</a>	foberovß	phoberos
5399	<a href="#">fear</a>	fobevw	<b>phobeo</b>
5400	<a href="#">fearful sight</a>	fovbhtron	phobetron
5401	<a href="#">fear</a>	fovboß	phobos
870	<a href="#">without fear</a>	ajfovbwß	aphobos

The antidote for the many fears in this sad world today is to fear God and put your trust in Him.

One of the Greek words used for fear is *phobeo* (5399), and means "to put to flight by terrifying, to be seized with alarm." This word is used many times in the Scriptures, seven of which are in the phrase "**Fear Not**" that is found in Luke's gospel. In these instances, three are uttered by an angel and four by the Lord Jesus. Thus we have a divine prescription for overcoming fear.

**LUKE'S GOSPEL** reveals the Lord Jesus Christ especially as the Son of man, the One who entered into manhood that He might know and meet man's every need ([Hebrews 2:9; 4:15, 16](#)).

1. [Luke 1:13](#)--"**Fear not**, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard." God hears the *prayer* of the repentant sinner and the seeking saint ([Romans 10:13; Psalm 34:4](#)).

2. [Luke 1:30](#)--"**Fear not**, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God." To remove fear is to be in *favor with God*, by trusting Jesus as Saviour. (See [Luke 1:47; John 5:24; Romans 5:1; Psalm 27:1](#).)

3. [Luke 2:10](#)--"**Fear not**: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." *Christ's coming* into the world to be the "Saviour" is the answer to men's sin and thus of his fears ([1 Timothy 1:15](#)). Christ is coming again ([John 14:3](#)) to remove all believers from this wicked world and take them to heaven to be without fear in His presence forever ([1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 21:4](#)).

4. [Luke 5:10, 11](#)--"**Fear not**: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And ... they forsook all, and followed Him." The child of God need not fear the cost or consequences of *discipleship*. As he closely follows the Lord, he will serve Him without fear ([Luke 1:74; Philippians 1:14](#)).

5. [Luke 8:50](#)--"**Fear not**: believe only, and she shall be made whole." The unbeliever lives in fear of *death* ([Hebrews 2:15](#)), but here Jesus says to "Fear not" in the presence of death, for He will give life to all who believe on Him. (See [John 3:15, 16; Psalm 23:4](#).)

6. [Luke 12:7](#)--"**Fear not** therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." *Persecution* for the sake of Christ is no reason to fear, for the worst that man can do is take our physical life. God who cares for the lowly sparrow will watch over those who preach the gospel ([Hebrews 13:5, 6; Revelation 2:10](#)).

7. [Luke 12:32](#)--"**Fear not**, little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Christians need not be fearful about food or clothing when they give themselves wholly to God, for He promises to supply every need now until we inherit His kingdom. (See [1 Kings 17:9-16; Psalm 34:9](#).)

# A Few More "Fear Nots"

The presence of so much fear in the world is evidence that the Bible is a much neglected book and man does not trust in the Lord.

1. "**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" ([Isaiah 41:10](#)).
2. "For God hath **not** given us the spirit of **fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" ([2 Timothy 1:7](#)).
3. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will **not we fear**, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" ([Psalm 46:1, 2](#)).
4. "And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not**, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will show to you today" ([Exodus 14:13](#)).
5. "Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; **fear not**, neither be discouraged" ([Deuteronomy 1:21](#)).
6. "Be strong and of a good courage, **fear not, nor be afraid** of them: for the LORD thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#)).
7. "And David said unto him, **Fear not**: for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake ... and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually" ([2 Samuel 9:7](#)).
8. "And Elijah said unto her, **Fear not**.... For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth" ([1 Kings 17:13, 14](#)).
9. "And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: **fear not**, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD " ([1 Chronicles 28:20](#)).
10. "Thus saith the LORD unto you, **Be not afraid** nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" ([2 Chronicles 20:15](#)).
11. "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" ([Psalm 23:4](#)).
12. "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee ... **Fear not**: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine" ([Isaiah 43:1](#)).
13. "In God have I put my trust: I will **not be afraid** what man can do unto me" ([Psalm 56:11](#)).
14. "And **fear not** them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" ([Matthew 10:28](#)).
15. "And the angel answered and said unto the women, **Fear not** ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen" ([Matthew 28:5, 6](#)).

16. "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and **be not afraid** of their terror, neither be troubled" (1 Peter 3:14).
17. "He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not**; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth, and was dead" (Revelation 1:17, 18).

## A List For Further Study and Exercise

1. **Genesis 15:1**

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, **Fear not**, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2. **Genesis 21:17**

And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? **fear not**; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

3. **Genesis 26:24**

And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: **fear not**, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

4. **Genesis 35:17**

And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, **Fear not**; thou shalt have this son also.

5. **Genesis 43:23**

And he said, Peace be to you, **fear not**: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

6. **Genesis 46:3**

And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: **fear not** to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

7. **Genesis 50:19**

And Joseph said unto them, **Fear not**: for am I in the place of God?

8. **Exodus 20:20**

And Moses said unto the people, **Fear not**: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

9. **Deuteronomy 1:21**

Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; **fear not**, neither be discouraged.

10. **Deuteronomy 20:3**

And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, **fear not**, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

11. **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Be strong and of a good courage, **fear not**, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

12. **Deuteronomy 31:8**

And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: **fear not**, neither be dismayed.

13. **Joshua 8:1**

And the LORD said unto Joshua, **Fear not**, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:

14. **Joshua 10:25**

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.

15. **Judges 4:18**

And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; **fear not**. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

16. **Judges 6:10**

And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; **fear not** the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

17. **Judges 6:23**

And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; **fear not**: thou shalt not die.

18. **Ruth 3:11**

And now, my daughter, **fear not**; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

19. **1 Samuel 4:20**

And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, **Fear not**; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

20. **1 Samuel 12:20**

And Samuel said unto the people, **Fear not**: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21. **1 Samuel 22:23**

Abide thou with me, **fear not**: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

22. **1 Samuel 23:17**

And he said unto him, **Fear not**: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

23. **2 Samuel 9:7**

And David said unto him, **Fear not**: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

24. **2 Samuel 13:28**

Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, **fear not**: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

25. **1 Kings 17:13**

And Elijah said unto her, **Fear not**; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

26. **2 Kings 6:16**

And he answered, **Fear not**: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

27. **2 Kings 17:34**

Unto this day they do after the former manners: they **fear not** the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

28. **2 Kings 25:24**

And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, **Fear not** to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

29. **1 Chronicles 28:20**

And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: **fear not**, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

30. **2 Chronicles 20:17**

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: **fear not**, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

31. **Psalms 55:19**

God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they **fear not** God.

32. **Psalms 64:4**

That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and **fear not**.

33. **Isaiah 7:4**

And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; **fear not**, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

34. **Isaiah 35:4**

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, **fear not**: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

35. **Isaiah 41:13**

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, **Fear not**; I will help thee.

36. **Isaiah 41:14**

**Fear not**, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

37. **Isaiah 43:1**

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, **Fear not**: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

38. **Isaiah 43:5**

**Fear not**: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

39. **Isaiah 44:2**

Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; **Fear not**, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

40. **Isaiah 54:4**

**Fear not**; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

41. **Jeremiah 40:9**

And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, **Fear not** to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

42. **Jeremiah 46:27**

But **fear not** thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

43. **Lamentations 3:57**

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, **Fear not**.

44. **Daniel 10:12**

Then said he unto me, **Fear not**, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

45. **Daniel 10:19**

And said, O man greatly beloved, **fear not**: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

46. **Joel 2:21**

**Fear not**, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

47. **Zechariah 8:13**

And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: **fear not**, but let your hands be strong.

48. **Malachi 3:5**

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and **fear not** me, saith the LORD of hosts.

49. **Matthew 1:20**

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not** to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

50. **Matthew 10:28**

And **fear not** them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

51. **Matthew 28:5**

And the angel answered and said unto the women, **Fear not** ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

52. **Luke 1:13**

But the angel said unto him, **Fear not**, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

53. **Luke 1:30**

And the angel said unto her, **Fear not**, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

54. **Luke 2:10**

And the angel said unto them, **Fear not**: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

55. **Luke 5:10**

And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not**; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

56. **Luke 8:50**

But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, **Fear not**: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

57. **Luke 12:7**

But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not** therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

58. **Luke 12:32**

**Fear not**, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

59. **Luke 18:4**

And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I **fear not** God, nor regard man;

60. **John 12:15**

**Fear not**, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

61. **Acts 27:24**

Saying, **Fear not**, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

62. **Revelation 1:17**

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not**; I am the first and the last: