

Transformed Over Fear

Luke 12:1-7

Introduction:

- Defined: *Fear is a natural response of awe or dread from a real or imaginary power*
- 366 times in the Bible, we read the words "Fear Not"

I. **Obligation: Don't Fear What Others Think, Just God (1)**

¹In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

II. **Vindication: Don't Fear Proclaiming The Verified Truth (2-3)**

²Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ³Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

III. **Redirection: Fear God Rather Than Men (4-5)**

⁴"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!"

IV. **Valuation: Don't Fear When The Sovereign God Personally Cares For You (6-7)**

⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

V. **Anticipation: Fear Lessens When You Expect Persecution (Matthew 10:24-26)**

Matthew 10:24-26 ²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! ²⁶ Therefore do not fear them.

Conclusion:

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

- 1. God's All-Power Is Greater Than The Power Of What We Fear** (cf. Ps 62:11; Job 9:19; Rom 8:37; Rom 1:16; 1 Cor 6:14; Ps 27:1)
- 2. God's Love Is More Secure Than Our Insecurities** (cf. 1 Jn 4:18; Prov 73:26)
- 3. A Sound Mind Knows God Is Greater Than Our Fears** (cf. Phil 4:6-7; 2 Cor 10:5)