



# Way of the Eagle

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## FEAR

**W**hat is fear exactly?

Webster dictionary has an explanation:  
*A painful emotion or passion excited by the expectation of evil, or the apprehension of impending danger; apprehension; anxiety; solicitude; alarm; dread, an uneasiness of the mind, upon the thought of future evil likely to befall us.*

The Bible mentions two specific types of fear.  
The first type is beneficial and is to be encouraged.  
The second type is a disadvantage and is to be overcome.

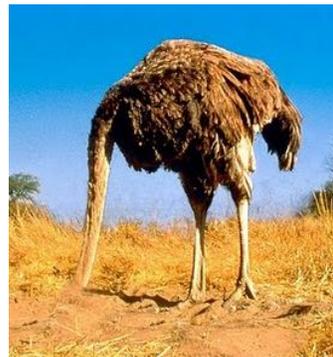
The first type of fear is fear of the Lord. This type of fear does not necessarily mean to be afraid of something. Rather, it is a reverential awe of God; a reverence for His power and glory. However, it is also a proper respect for His wrath and anger. In other words, the fear of the Lord is a total acknowledgement of Omnipotent God which comes through knowing Him and His attributes.



Fear of the Lord brings with it many blessings and benefits. It is the beginning of wisdom and leads to good understanding (**Psalm 111:10**). Only fools despise wisdom and discipline (**Proverbs 1:7**). Furthermore, fear of the Lord leads to life, rest, peace, and contentment (**Proverbs 19:23**). Fear of the Lord leads to repentance. It is the fountain of life (**Proverbs 14:27**) and provides a security and a place of safety for us (**Proverbs 14:26**).

The second type of fear mentioned in the Bible is not beneficial at all. This is the "spirit of fear" mentioned in **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**" (NKJV). A spirit of fearfulness and timidity does not come from God.

Fear is a "demonic spirit". So then, if it did not come from God it must have come from Satan. Fear is unbelief and doubt and it could not have come from God.



Sometimes this "spirit of fear" overcomes us, and to overcome it we need to trust in and love God completely. It may also need to be cast out.

**"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love"** (1 John 4:18).

Beginning in the book of Genesis and continuing throughout to the book of Revelation, God reminds us many times to "Fear not."

Fear and doubt means we lack faith in God - only Godless people are fearful of and concentrating on such things as the economy or job security or paying bills. When we are fearful about life's obstacles and situations we shut God out. We are not to be fearful, we are to rely on and trust in God.

He says to us, "**Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**" (Luke 12:32). It is God, your Father's pleasure to give you what you need, regardless of the state of the economy. God did not give you the spirit of fear, He gave you the "power" to break the spirit of fear.

Jesus said to His disciples, "**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**" (Mark 4:40)

Jesus is saying to us today, "Why are you so fearful and lack faith during this crisis"? Why are you fearful that you will lose your job? Why are you fearful that you will not be able to find a job? Why are you fearful that you will lose your home, your car, apartment, or your savings?

Bear in mind that, the thing that you fear, is the very thing that you cause to happen. Remember Job? He said, "**the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened.**" Job 3:25 God did not give you the spirit of fear, He gave you the power to "break the spirit of fear."

Where is this power you may ask? It is within. It is in your mind, and it is activated through "binding" and "loosing" (Matthew 16:19). You bind the spirit of fear and loose the spirit of faith. Start operating in the spirit of faith. If you operate in faith you will break the spirit of fear.

Satan has no power over you except the power you give him in your mind. He can only do as much as you allow him to do. You have nothing to fear from Satan, you have the power to bind him from your mind. You can break the spirit of fear by not allowing it in your mind. Once you allow the spirit of fear to enter your mind it will be next to impossible to get it out. Once you let it in, it will bombard your mind with one fearful thought after another: you are sick; you are going to die; they are going to foreclose on your house; the repo man is going to take your car; etc. If you are fearful of those things it is clear that you are not trusting God, because He tells us in His word to "**take no thought**". He also tells us not to be of a doubtful mind. Our blessings are blocked due to fear; fear keeps our minds confused and worried. "**You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.**" (Isaiah 26:3)

To bind something is to make it inoperable. To bind Satan (spirit of fear) from our mind is to make him inoperable in our minds. We cannot keep him from entering, but we can make him inoperable, powerless; we do that by replacing every fearful thought with a faith thought.

Fear can be conquered because fear is a learned emotion. We are taught from early childhood to fear something or someone; such as we are taught to fear the dark. To break the spirit of fear, we need to face that fear head-on. What do I fear and why do I fear it? Are you fearful that the money will not be there when it is needed, even after you have prayed for it? By fearing it will not be there you are causing it not to be there. God cannot bless your fears, He tells you not to have a doubtful mind - and if you fear you doubt. James 1:6-7 "**But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts are like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.**"

There are 5 things not to fear: flesh, man, false gods, reproach of men, sudden fear and persecutions.

There are 5 things to fear; God, God's name, hell/lake of fire, evil.

I want to encourage you to take an inventory in the fear department. What are you afraid of? Are there any areas in your life that are being stifled because of fear? Satan is always going to bring fear against us at various times. It's one of his major weapons—it's not a cap gun, it's a cannon! The thing we all must learn is how not to "fear the fear." The devil brings fear, but you can choose not to bow your knee to it. David said, "**What time I am afraid, I will...trust...in You**" (Psalm 56:3). I believe we can say that when God leads you to step out in an area to do something new, or leads you to make a bigger commitment, you may (or probably will) feel fear. However, if you're sure God told you to do it, put your trust in Him and go forward.

We certainly don't want to move in the flesh or out of God's timing, but when God is moving, don't be afraid to move with Him. You have a choice to be led by your head or by follow the leading of the Spirit. You may even physically shake, but let the Holy Spirit lead you. Don't fear the trust in Him. We need to stop living in fear of making mistakes, because we will make mistakes—period. God is not asking us to *not* make any mistakes. He's calling us to be bold—fearless in approaching Him, in stepping out in faith, and in trusting Him to lead us.

You can conquer your fear through the power of the Almighty; the power that is within. "**Greater is he that is within me than he that is in the world.**" (John 4:4).

You have the power to conquer your fears!