"From Fear to Faith"

Human Emotions - Godly Responses



Introduction

• the common response of fear

"I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil...."

— E. Stanley Jones

- the "good" God intended with fear Heb. 10:31; 12:29; Rev. 20:15
- God's expectation

 Mk. 5:36

1. the Unreasonableness of Fear

- time period of the Judges
- Gideon's encounter with the pre-incarnate Christ Jdg. 6-7

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2. the Reasonableness of Faith

"Faith and fear are opposites, and yet, strange to say, they are often found dwelling within the same breast; but where one is dominant the other is dormant."

— A.W. Pink

• two basic causes of fear:

• Jesus helped His disciples move from fear to faith Mk. 4:35-40
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• God commands us to move from fear to faith Is. 41:8-10 + Do not fear, because Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:2
+ Do not fear, because Rom. 8:36; Nah. 1:7
+ Do not fear, because Is. 40:29, 31
+ Do not fear, because Ps. 120:1
+ Do not fear, because Ex. 17:8-13

Conclusion

- fear is a battle in the mind Eph. 6:17; Mt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 10:3-5
- faith requires a disciplined mind Ps. 56:3-4