



# The Lion of Judah



***“Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”***

**(Revelation 5:5)**

## FEAR

☞ We usually concentrate on the “**spirit of fear**” when we combat fear in our lives

- ⇒ *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”* (2Timothy 1:7)
- ⇒ *“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”* (Romans 8:15)

God did not give us a spirit of fear – it came upon the human race after Adam & Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden and hid from God in fear

- ⇒ *“Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”* (Genesis 3:9-10)

Just as **pride** is the basis of the **original sin** in the Garden, so to is **fear** the **original emotion**, the first human emotion to be mentioned in the Bible

- ⇒ References to fear occur in 385 verses of the King James Version

Because **fear** is the **original emotion**, the **spirit of fear** is the first **area of oppression**

- ⇒ It then **opens the door** to all other **demonic spirits**

### Elements of Fear

We battle not just against the spirit of fear, but also:

1. **Generational Iniquity (Curse) of Fear** as handed down in the womb from the fathers to the *“third and fourth generation.”* (Exodus 20:4)
2. **Emotional Traumas** caused by fear from the very first moments of our life
3. **Strongholds** of fear that build up in our lives until they become mighty fortresses within our minds
4. **Oppression** by one of the many different cohorts of the spirit of fear

### Emotional Traumas of Fear

Let’s first deal with the effects within us of fearful moments (traumas) in our lives that “scar” our spirits, souls and bodies

- ⇒ Just as with anger, guilt, shame, etc., we generally “stuff” our fears deep down inside where they accumulate and literally become a cancer within

⇒ This becomes the “garbage” in our souls that the “rats” (i.e. demons) feed on

We must clean out this garbage through the process of Inner Healing by casting all these “cares” onto Jesus who died for them on the cross

⇒ *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted.”* (Luke 4:18)

⇒ *“...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”* (1Peter 5:7)

In order to cast something, we must possess it, have it in our hands

⇒ When fear is “stuffed” and we keep the lid on it tightly secured, the Lord will not go in and rip it out of us

⇒ Instead, we need to surface it by thinking about the things that we are afraid of and surfacing the fear so then we can cast it on Jesus

### **Replace it in Trust with Love**

In addition to casting out the fear, we also need to fill up that space with its spiritual opposite – love (i.e. the “agapao” unconditional love that we can only get from God)

⇒ *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.”* (1John 4:18-19)

In order to do so, however, we have to have faith and trust that God’s Word is true and that He can and will do what He promised

⇒ *“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”* (2Corinthians 1:20)

There are many Scriptures that relate fear and trust, saying that if we put our complete trust in Jesus, then we have no need to fear

⇒ *“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”* (Psalm 56:3-4)

⇒ *“In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”* (Psalm 56:11)

⇒ *“He will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established; he will not be afraid.”* (Psalm 112:7)

⇒ *“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid.”* (Isaiah 12:2)

### **The Generational Curse of Fear**

Almost everyone receives the iniquity (curse) of fear through their bloodline

⇒ This iniquity (i.e. perversion of nature) is passed on both genetically and spiritually to the “third and fourth generations” according to the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 10 Commandments

⇒ Although the Mosaic Law was “nailed to the cross,” the ten commandments were written by the finger of God onto the stone tablets and remain in force today

Fortunately, Jesus also died on the cross to redeem us from the curse of the law

⇒ *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* (Galatians 3:13)

In order to have such generational curses broken off of us, we need only appropriate this promise, declare the Word, and give it all to Jesus

### **The Stronghold of Fear**

The Bible tells us that strongholds build up in our minds – and that we have weapons from God that can tear them down:

⇒ *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”* (2Cor. 10:4-6)

The Bible uses the metaphor of “strongholds” to give us a physical example of what happens in the spiritual realm within our minds. These strongholds have 2 elements:

1. A foundation that is formed from the “arguments” (NKJV), “imagination” (KJV) or lies that Satan gets us to believe
2. Walls that build up over time to encase and protect these lies from the truth

The solution is threefold:

1. Cast down all these lies – choose and declare not to believe them anymore, rebuke, resist, reject and renounce such lies
2. Pull down the “high thing” (i.e. the walls) that are exalted (i.e. believed and practiced) above the truth (i.e. the “knowledge of God”)
3. Replace the lies with the truth by taking all the thoughts that once believed the lie and commanding them to become captive into the “obedience of Christ” and line up with the truth of God and the Spirit of God

### **The Spirits of Fear**

Strongholds give the enemy easy access into our minds – a hiding place within us where they can whisper their lies and push our “fear” buttons. There are many kinds of fear and Satan has a specialist (i.e. demon) to oppress us in each of these specific areas (definitions from Webster’s New World Dictionary)

Anxiety: “a state of being uneasy about... a possible future event” – sometimes about a specific event but often just a general feeling about life in general

Dread: “intense fear of something that might happen” – which, often, results in an expectation that things in general will go wrong

Fright: “sudden fear or terror; alarm” – which gets our “fight or flight” defenses going

Hysteria: “emotional excitability, excessive anxiety, sensory and motor disturbances... with fits of laughing and crying”

Insecurity: “not confident, apprehensive, not firm or dependable”

Nervousness: “a disordered state of the nerves characterized by or showing emotional tension, restlessness, agitation”

Shyness: “timid... not at ease with other people; extremely self-conscious; bashful; showing distrust or caution, wary:

Stress: “a force exerted upon a body that tends to strain or deform its shape... mental or physical tension or strain.”

Tension: “mental or nervous strain, often accompanied by muscular tautness”

Terror: “intense fear”

Worry: “to feel distressed in the mind; troubled or uneasy” – usually causes us to think about something over and over again

⇒ Jesus, however, tells us not to worry: *“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”* (Matthew 6:31-34)

The spirit of fear remains the “strongman” with one or more of these specific demons working under him

⇒ *“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”* (Matthew 12:29)

We first bind the “strong man” of fear and then “plunder his house” by casting out each specific spirit under him (we call these “cohorts”)

⇒ *“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”* (Matthew 18:18)

⇒ *“And these signs will follow **those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons.”* (Mark 16:17)

### **Fear Acts as a Magnet**

What we fear is just what we get – because the devil is anxious to give us any ungodly thing for which we open the door

⇒ *“For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.”* (Job 3:25)

By focusing instead on God’s perfect love and trusting in His promises, we can turn around the polarity of the magnet – instead of attracting the things of Satan, we will instead attract the things of God

⇒ *“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”* (Colossians 3:2)

⇒ *“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of*

*good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)*

### **Conquer Your Fear**

In order to conquer our fear, we must face it and overcome it – which we can do through Christ Jesus

⇒ *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)*

Instead of shrinking from our fears and avoiding them, we need to confront them, feel it, and then give it to the Lord – over and over again until at last it is all gone

⇒ *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37)*