

ways create a blessing from the very fears Satan brings us. Throughout scripture God reminds us that if we can overcome these satanic attacks, the reward will be incredible. Revelation 2:7 tells us: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." And in Revelation 2:26: "And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations....and I will give him the morning star."

These verses hint at the wonder of God's plan. They are to encourage those who remain faithful and those who try their best to apply God's words to overcome the debilitating fears Satan brings each of us at some point in time. God's words teach us that He understands what we go through, that He protects us from Satan and that if we learn and take to heart the plan He has for us and work to achieve the goals He sets out for us, we will receive the promise of Christ provides in Revelation 3:5, "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before the angels".

Scripture also tells us: "Be strong and of a good courage....". "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.they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help you."



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When Fear Reigns

Our calling as children of God requires us to be an example to others, to love those who God loves which is all of mankind, to follow where God leads us, and to overcome the wiles of Satan. To meet these goals we must increase our faith by learning God's Plan of Salvation and then by trusting what God has taught. Sadly, we are often impeded from fulfilling what is asked of us because of our fear. We are held back from the leap of faith God asks of us due to our tendency to find comfort in what is familiar. Thus we stay where we are even when aware that we are not where we should be. We find ourselves afraid of the unknown and clinging to situations from which God wants to remove us. We do not trust that good will come out of the changes in which we see only loss or difficulty.

Scripture however, provides many examples where both a single individual and large groups of people were directed to abandon what was familiar to them and embark on a new, unknown, and often difficult path. Scripture shows us that these changes were for the benefit of God's children, to further God's plans for them, and to bring them a blessing. Exodus tells us about Moses leading the enslaved Jews out of Egypt only to encounter the Red Sea and....in their mind.....no way to cross. "The Biblical account of Jonah tells us that he ran from God to escape what God was asking him to do.

We also read that God directed Abraham to take his family and all he owned and embark on a journey to an unknown land and later, to sacrifice his son. Most of us are amazed by Abraham's obedience to such difficult demands. By Abraham willingly did as God asked because he trusted God. And God rewarded Abraham for that trust. When Abraham died, God gave him a special place in eternity because of his obedience and deemed that obedience the righteousness required to enter heaven.

When Mary the Mother of Christ learned that she was to bear a child out of wedlock, she trusted that God would direct her path and protect her and her child. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walked fearlessly into a fiery furnace, and Daniel was unscathed from a night in the lion's den because of the strength of his trust in God. As we read these stories, we might assume that these special people in scripture could exercise such faith because they were closer to God than we are, or because they had a stronger, different kind of faith than we have, or even that they were somehow given a greater assurance that God would see them through those circumstances.

We tend to view these Biblical figures as unafraid and thus assume that they were "different" than we are. But they were not different....they were just like us. They worried on occasion, they were frightened on occasion, they questioned God on occasion, and many wished (like Christ) that the "cup" they were given to drink could pass them by. For each of them, it was through the slow but sure development of their relationship with God that they could make a conscious decision to trust God with the outcome of their circumstances. They somehow mastered the determination to forge ahead, and accept what God was orchestrating in their lives.

Scripture shows us that it was the trust of these faithful children of God which allowed them to accept what was occurring. It was their acceptance and trust which brought about the miracles in their lives which turned their situations from a potential tragedy to a triumph....and brought them closer to God. Faith gave them the ability to manage any fear they might have had.

Fear is an emotion we learn. If we are bitten by an animal, we may develop a fear of that animal. If we fall off a horse, we may not want to ride one again. If we touch a hot coal, we will not touch one again. This is because the Adam-like nature is imbued with the "fight or flight syndrome" which is activated by a sense of danger. The "memory" of what to fear is stored in a part of our brain called the Amygdala. This, in itself is a good attribute to have and was given to mankind to protect the continuation of the species.

Sadly, Satan can use this natural occurrence to influence our reactions. He works to create fear in our hearts

which he hopes will lead to losing our trust that God is always with us. Satan's goal is to "condition" our amygdala to the point where fear governs our lives rather than God. As we develop our Christ-like nature we gain the ability to overcome fear and re-train the amygdala through our trust in God. Believing that God is all powerful, and believing God's promise to protect us and keep us under His wing is a force which weakens the hold fear can have on us.

When fear can be controlled as a form of respect for dangerous situations rather than an overwhelming debilitating emotion, we can more easily develop the faith we need to counter our worries. Our need to "know" what the future will bring; and the sadness of what we may perceive as loss or threat diminishes. Faith allows God to work His will in our soul and in our lives which creates our ability to be happy even in adversity. When we trust God's good wishes toward us and for us, and do so in all things, we receive the very special blessing of peace and happiness even during the worst circumstances.

Many of us ask "How can I create this faith in my own heart and soul, how can I find joy in my life and overcome the fear I experience when the challenges I face appear so daunting?" It is during these times that we must remember it is Satan who produces fear....never God. And we must remember that we, like Christ, have the power to say "Get thee behind me Satan" as we struggle to overcome what Satan is attempting to produce. Building our trust to overcome our fear requires us to understand God's Plan of Salvation for mankind, and learn what God promises us and why. It is this understanding which helps us recognize the satanic influences which are at work to prevent us from making the changes required for us to become all that God wants us to become. A lack of understanding of God's plan for us, and our lack of knowing Satan's role in our lives easily allows Satan to hold us captive through the fear he produces.

This hinders our ability to move forward spiritually and grow in faith. Satan knows that a lack of faith in God thus the inability to trust in the outcome of our present and fearful circumstances keeps us trapped in our fears and debilitated by them. This keeps us under Satan's power. John 8:44-45 warns against believing Satan and

not believing what God tells us. 1 Peter 3:12 tells us that God's ears are open to our prayers. Isaiah 25:4 tells us that God will be a strength to the needy; a refuge. Jeremiah 33:3 tells us that if we call to God He will answer. Psalm 5:11 tells us that God will defend those who put their trust in Him. These are but a few of the many verses which assure us that if we strive to be faithful and desire to thwart the wiles of Satan, God will be with us in all circumstances.

God's Plan of Salvation allows a certain amount of time here on earth for man to develop into what scripture calls the "Bride of Christ" before Satan and all evil will be bound forever. The Bride of Christ are those souls who will remain faithful to God during their lifetime and be those He wants to fill the new heaven and earth He will create. These souls will learn about evil while being developed into the "bride" but will freely choose to espouse forgiveness, love and righteousness over evil.

Satan's goal is to prevent these souls from becoming a worthy Bride for the Lord Jesus by weakening our faith and destroying our trust. God's goal is to help us grow into a perfect Bride for His Son by gently moving us toward the Christ-like nature which will help us become the best we can be. Those who will listen to God's words and follow His direction will be those with whom God will share His kingdom. Luke 22:32, teaches us that Christ warned His disciple Simon that Satan would have the power to "sift you as wheat". But then goes on to say, "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not...."

These verses and many others tell us that God watches over us even when we are overwhelmed by the fears which Satan plants in our heart. They tell us that if we work to trust, to believe, to be patient and to endure, we will overcome our fears. We are taught that emotional pain and fear are the weapons Satan uses to break our faith and inhibit our spiritual growth. However we are given the promise that developing a relationship with God through learning and trusting His Plan of Salvation, and through our prayers and offerings, and the application of our faith we can overcome Satan and thwart the fear he attempts to place in our heart.

Fear is Satan's weapon, it never comes from God; it can be overcome through our trust in God; and God will