
No Fear, Part I (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers)

The Secret Place of Holiness

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Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: No Fear, Part I (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers)

New Series Messages: “The Secret Place of Holiness”

- Theme Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-16
- Sermon: Shelter in “The Secret” Place (Shadow, Refuge, Fortress)
- Sermon: Covered by His Blood (Safe in His Arms)
 - Covered by His Wings (Wounded)
 - Covered by His Truth (Bruised)
 - Covered by His Blood (Healed)

Lesson Text

Psalm 91:1–6 (AV)¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler. ⁵ **Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.**

Job 24:14–16 (AV)¹⁴ The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. ¹⁵ The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth *his* face. ¹⁶ In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

Introduction

Today we continue our new series that deal with the Promises of Holiness for times of trouble! If you recall, we stated that the 91st psalm is a promise of consolation, support, and protection for the people of God during times of terror and unseen danger.

To date we’ve looked at Sheltering in “The Secret” Place and Covered by the Blood!

- The Secret Place provide Protection, Refuge, and Power in times of Trouble
- The Blood provides Covering for our Wounds, Bruises, and our Healing.

Most of us know, or at least have heard of our true enemy: Ephesians 6:12 (AV)¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

But God also wants us to know not only who we were fighting, but the devices, tactics, schemes, and plots that they use against us.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV)¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Corinthians 2:11 (NLT)¹¹ so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

The number one device, scheme, or tactic that the enemy uses against us is fear or phobias; a debilitation anxiety or irrational fear.

We are familiar with certain fears of phobias:

- acrophobia, fear of heights
- aerophobia, fear of flying
- autophobia, fear of being alone
- arachnophobia, fear of spiders
- ophidiophobia, fear of snakes

Psalm 91: ***⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.***

This passage identifies four fears or phobias the enemy uses against us:

- Terror by night (Nyctophobia: The Fear of Night or Darkness)
- Arrows by day (Anthrophobia: The Fear of Confrontation, Conflict, or Fighting)
- Pestilence in darkness (Xenophobia: The Fear of the Unknown or Hidden)
- Destruction at noonday (Apollymophobia: The Fear of Destruction or Doomsday)

Franklin D. Roosevelt in his 1933 inaugural address in the midst of the Great Depression said “We have nothing to fear but fear itself”

I love what Paul said in his letter to Timothy concerning Satan’s use of this tactic of fear!

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (AV)⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The key to overcoming the Fears from Satan is in our Faith in God.

Psalm 118:6 (AV)⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Someone once said that Faith is Fear that has said its prayers. But not just any prayers, but prayers based on the Word.

This message will look at how we overcome each of these four fears that the enemy uses against us during these perilous times. Today we will look at the first two: The fears of the Night and the fears of the Fight. Next week we will deal with the last two: The fears of the Unknown and the fears of the Doomsday.

Series and Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: No Fear, Part I (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers)

“Fear of the Night and Fear of the Fight”

I. No Fear of The Terror by Night (Nyctophobia: Fear of the Night)

Psalm 91: ⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the **terror by night**; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nyctophobia is a fear of night or darkness that can cause intense symptoms of anxiety. And as a result of our natural fear of the night, the enemy will use it to further terrorize us.

The terror by night speak to the fear that terrorizes us because we can't see it coming.

The enemy sent COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by night to terrorize us. We are literally living in a time of terrorism that nobody saw coming.

Sickness, Disease, Economic cataclysm, and the loss of life and livelihood has created a real time and real life extinction level event that come upon us by night.

Job 24:¹⁴ The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, **and in the night is as a thief**... ¹⁶ In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

The robber or thief comes by night to terrorize us.

John 10:10 (AV)¹⁰ **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

So how do we overcome the fear of Robbers and Thieves?

We must Pray the Prayer of Faith for the Terror by Night!

As a child a use to say a prayer at nighttime that said, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. God bless momma, bless daddy, bless my brother, bless my sisters, Amen!"

That prayer is simply a prayer of faith to let you know you are never alone at night when God is with you.

Faith that has said its prayer for the Terror by Night pray:

- Hebrews 13:5 (AV)⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*
- Psalm 27:1–2 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- Psalm 91: ¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty... ⁵ **Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;**

II. No Fear of The Weapons by Day (Anthrophobia – Fear of the Fight)

Psalm 91: ⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the **arrow that flieth by day**;

Social or Anthrophobia has within it the fear of fighting. The fear that we face during confrontation. And to those of us who normally has a flight response to this type of fear, the enemy will overwhelm us with massive and continuous attacks.

This speaks to open warfare, bold attacks designed to overwhelm through large numbers or continuous waves of attacks.

Job 24:¹⁴ ***The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy,...***

Murders and killers work by trying to overwhelm or overpower us.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (AV)⁸ *We are **troubled on every side**, yet not distressed; we are **perplexed**, but not in despair; ⁹ **Persecuted**, but not forsaken; **cast down**, but not destroyed;*

This is how the enemy attacked Israel during the time of Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 20:1–2 (NLT) *War with Surrounding Nations* After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat. ² Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. They are already at Hazazon-tamar.”

So how do we overcome the fear of Murderers and Killers?

We must Pray the Prayer of Faith for the Weapons by Day!

We must stop being intimidated and realize that stronger than what we realize and say our prayers.

Faith that has said its prayers for the Weapons by Day pray:

- 1 John 4:4 (AV)⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- Psalm 27:3 (AV)³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.
- Philippians 1:6 (AV)⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
- Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

The enemy tried to overwhelm Jehoshaphat and the people of God with fear of the fight. But they said their prayers!

2 Chronicles 20:15 (AV)¹⁵ And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s.

“This is how we fight our battles!”

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: No Fear, Part I (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers))

Lesson Text

- Psalm 91:1–6, Job 24:14–16

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *No Fear of The Terror by Night (Nyctophobia: Fear of the Night)*

II. *No Fear of The Weapons by Day (Anthrophobia: Fear of the Fight)*

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What is your favorite way to get exercise?
2. Name one thing you used to be afraid of that you no longer fear?

II. Into the Bible

1. Read Isaiah 54:11-17. In verse 17, the word, “heritage,” is from the Hebrew word, *nachalah*, which is translated inheritance, heritage, possession. What should be the expectations of the servant of the Lord because of his heritage? Why would weapons be formed?
2. According to Psalm 112:7, “He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.” How important is it to have a heart that is fixed, especially in this pandemic of COVID-19?

III. Life Application

1. Reflection: Think about your childhood and how you played and did things fearlessly. Matthew 18:3 KJV says, “And [Jesus] said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. How will you practically use this message to become as a little child and fearlessly enter into the kingdom of heaven (God’s system for accomplishing things)?
2. Application: How will you practically use this message to become as a little child and fearlessly enter into the kingdom of heaven (God’s system for accomplishing things)?
3. Practice: Commit to applying the practical steps you stated in #2 daily and watch the Lord cause you to have good success in your fearless everyday life.