
No Fear, Part II (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers Even More!)

The Secret Place of Holiness

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Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: No Fear, Part II (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers Even More!)

New Series Messages: “The Secret Place of Holiness”

- Theme Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-16
- Sermon: Shelter in “The Secret” Place (Shadow, Refuge, Fortress)
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 - No Fear of The Terror by Night (Nyctophobia: Fear of the Night)
 - No Fear of The Weapons by Day (Anthrophobia – Fear of the Fight)

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. ²I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. ⁴He 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; ⁶Nor 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. ¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth *his* face. ¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.

Introduction

Most of us have at least learned our 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 we must not only know who our enemies are, but also the devices, tactics, schemes, and plots that they use against.

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.

Last week we begin to look at the number one device, scheme, or tactic that the enemy uses against us, namely fear or phobias; a debilitation anxiety or irrational fear.

Psalm 91: ⁵***Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶Nor 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, Apocalypse or Doomsday)

In Part 1 of this message, titled “No Fear (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers)”, we learned the Prayers of Faith necessary to overcome the “Fears of the Night” and the “Fears of the Fight”.

Luke 18:1 (AV)¹ And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (AV)¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

So today in part 2 of this message, we want to pray some more, to keep on praying in order to overcome the “Fears of the Unknown”, and the “Fears of Doomsday”.

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“Fear of the Unknown and Fear of the Doomsday”

I. No Fear of The Pestilence in Darkness (Xenophobia: Fear of the Unknown or Hidden)

Psalm 91: ⁶ Nor for the *pestilence that walketh in darkness*; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Xenophobia is fear of the Unknown or Hidden. It’s generally associated with an irrational fear of foreigners or foreign things. It exists because they are unknown, and their lives are hidden.

Pestilence that walketh in the darkness, is an unknown, foreign, hidden thing that is attacking, devastating, and destroying both our lives and livelihood.

Job 24: 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.

The enemy uses xenophobic fear of the unknown and hidden because although we can see the effects of the attacks, we can’t actually see who and where it’s coming from. It walks in darkness!

Last week I told you how the enemy uses the night to terrorize us; now we see that he uses the cover of darkness to hide from us. It’s the fear of the unknown.

It’s a poetic picture of the grim reaper stalking the night looking for victims.

So how do we overcome the fear of the hidden, the unknown attacks?

We must Pray the Prayer of Faith for the Pestilence in Darkness (The Night Walkers)

Has it ever occurred to you that the people who are afraid of the night are people who can see?

People who have no sight have no xenophobic fear because they can't see! For them there is no difference between the day or the night, no difference between the same or foreign.

The enemy can't use the hidden to make them afraid, because everything is hidden from them already. So, they don't walk by sight, they walk by trust. They trust in what they know, not in what they see. They trust in their cane, they trust in their seeing eye dog.

Faith that has said its prayers for the Pestilence that Walks in Darkness:

- Proverbs 3:5–6 (AV)⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- Romans 8:28 (AV)²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV)⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)
- Psalm 118:6 (AV)⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

II. No Fear of The Destruction at Noonday (Apollymophobia: Fear of Doomsday)

Psalm 91: ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the ***destruction that wasteth at noonday.***

Apollymophobia is the Fear of Destruction, Apocalypse, or Doomsday.

The destruction that wasteth at noonday is about total destruction, the apocalypse, or the doomsday scenario. And we are living in such a time today, and it's creating phobic fear.

Plagues, nuclear holocaust, apocalypse, war, total devastation, and Armageddon are all things that have, can, and will happen. But regardless of their reality or inevitability, God would not have us to operate in the fear of them.

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.

Jesus told us that Destruction, Apocalypse, and Doomsday would occur:

Luke 21:20 (AV)²⁰ **And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.**

Luke 21:22–26 (AV)²² **For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. ²⁵ And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with**

perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

So how do we overcome the fear of the destruction, apocalypse, and doomsday?

We must Pray the Prayer of Faith for the Destruction at Noonday

Disaster has struck us in the past, and is striking us now, and will strike us again in the future.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (AV)¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

But regardless of how it occurs or when it occurs, we are to have faith that has said its prayers.

Faith that has said its prayers for the Destruction that Wasteth at Noonday

- Luke 21:28 (AV)²⁸ **And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**
- Psalm 121:1 (AV)¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- Psalm 121:4–8 (AV)⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. ⁸ The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.
- Psalm 91:7 (AV)⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: No Fear, Part II (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers Even More!))

Lesson Text

- Psalm 91:1–6, Job 24:14–16

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *No Fear of The Pestilence in Darkness (Xenophobia: Fear of the Unknown or Hidden)*

II. *No Fear of The Destruction at Noonday (Apollymophobia: Fear of the Doomsday)*

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Choose your preference: Pinto beans or turnip greens? Baked potato or mashed potatoes? Steak or chicken? Shrimp or scallops? Garlic bread or southern biscuits? Apple pie or pound cake? Vanilla ice cream or Butter pecan ice cream?
2. During this fragile time in American history of sheltering-in-place and stay-at-home orders, how have you remained physically active, emotionally stable and spiritually in-tune?

II. Into the Bible

1. Read Psalm 27:1-5. How does focusing single-mindedly on the “beauty of the Lord” and inquiring in His temple help us to conquer fear?
2. In Luke 12:6-7 (*New Living Translation*), Jesus said, “What is the price of five sparrows – two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; You are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.” What lesson(s) is Jesus teaching in these verses to help us have no fear, anxiety or worry?

III. Life Application

1. After hearing the message this week, which of the three points was the most encouraging or challenging? Why? How will you apply it this week?
2. Since God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Tim 1:7), what prayer strategy will you use when Satan shoots those fiery darts of fear attacking your shield of faith?