
No Fear, Part IV (Faith That Hears God)

The Secret Place of Holiness

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Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: No Fear, Part IV (Faith That Hears God)

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)
- Sermon: No Fear, Part I (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers: No fear of the Night or Fight)
- Sermon: No Fear, Part II (Faith That Has Said Its Prayers Even More)
- Sermon: No Fear, Part III (Faith for What You Fear the Most)
 - No Fear of Individual Calamity
 - No Fear of Mass Calamity
 - No Fear of Near Calamity

Lesson Text

Our full lesson text today is 2 Kings 6:24 – 2 Kings 7:16

2 Kings 6:24–25 (AV)²⁴ And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. ²⁵ And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass’s head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove’s dung for five *pieces* of silver.

2 Kings 7:1–3 (AV)¹ Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. ² Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. ³ And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

2 Kings 7:16 (AV)¹⁶ And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

Introduction

Two weeks ago, I shared with you that the key to faith is the ability to hear.

- Romans 10:¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- Revelation 3:⁶ **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

We based this series, “The Secret Place of Holiness’ on the 91st Psalm. A psalm of comfort for God’s people during times of terror, fear, hidden danger, and destruction.

We now conclude it with a promise that God will not be leave us in the “Shelter”, but will ultimately deliver us and bring us through into His Salvation.

Psalms 91:15–16 (AV)¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Our lesson text of the 4 leprous men presents 4 questions to us:

1. What do you do when your present circumstances become devastating and disastrous?
2. What do you do when your future is so far out of sight, that you can't even imagine it anymore?
3. What do you do when you feel stuck in a hopeless situation?
4. What do you do after you pray to God for help?

Today I want to give you 4 things you must hear in order to get past your fears and into your deliverance, breakthrough, blessings, and salvation.

Series and Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: No Fear, Part IV (Faith That Hears God)
“Faith to Hear Your Present, Hear Your Future, Hear Your Calling, and Hear Your Salvation”

I. Faith To Hear Your Present

2 Kings 6: ²⁵ And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

What do you do when your present circumstances become devastating and disastrous?

You lose your job, your business fails, you face eviction from your home or repossession of your transportation.

An attack on your money or your honey! A betrayal of your trust or loss of your faith! Or maybe a personal failure that you never would have believe you could fall in to!

In our lesson text, because of the blockade of the enemy, everything was shut down and caused a famine for the people of God.

We all are living in such a time collectively today, but many of us have been besieged before. And what our lesson text teaches us is that we must have a faith to hear our present!

Faith to hear your present means that you must hear “Past” your present!

Philippians 3:13–14 (AV)¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We have to take our present and put it in our past, move it to our past, put it in our rear-view mirror.

Trouble don't last always, so don't wake up every day focusing on your yesterday.

II. Faith To Hear Your Future

2 Kings 7: ¹ Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

What do you do when your future is so far out of sight, that you can't even imagine it anymore? Because of our gifts, talents, and passions we all develop a sense for our future. As a child we dream and say what we want to be or do. In high school and college, we prepare for that future with education and training.

But after life has kicked us in the butt for 5 to 10 years: experiencing a failed marriage, bankruptcy, or the loss of a job, house, or business; we no longer can see or imagine that future. It is at this point that you must have a faith that can hear your future, because you can't see it.

Faith to hear your future means that you must hear your “Promise”!

I know what life is telling you, but what does God says about you? Can you hear it?

Romans 3:3–4 (AV)³ For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...

Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

III. Faith To Hear Your Calling

2 Kings 7: ³ And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

What do you do when you feel stuck in a hopeless situation?

You feel hopeless, hapless, and helpless!

Many relationships end not because of what someone did, or because someone failed, or because someone was hurt.

People fail us all the time. We get hurt by people even when it wasn't intentional.

Luke 17: ¹ Then said he unto the disciples, **It is impossible but that offences will come:** ...

But the main reason why we give us is because we feel that the situation is hopeless.

The protagonists of our lesson text, the 4 leprous men, were in a helpless situation. They were quarantined because of their disease. If they stayed in the quarantine they would die, and if they went to the city, because of the famine, they would also die.

This is when you need a faith that hears your call and calling.

Faith to hear your calling means that you must “Move” into your gifts and callings.

2 Kings 7:4 (AV)⁴ If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

Romans 11:29 (AV)²⁹ For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

2 Kings 7:5–6 (AV)⁵ And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there. ⁶ **For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host:** and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

Because of the calling of the 4 leprous men, God anointing their feet so that each of their steps sounded like an army. God called them and gifted their feet!

We have gifts and talents that we don't know we have. But we will never get exposed until we start moving, until we stir them up!

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.

III. Faith To Hear Your Salvation

2 Kings 7:16 (AV)¹⁶ And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

What do you do after you pray to God for help?

Let's not make this complicated. We have to believe it and have confidence in it!

After you pray for your deliverance, healing, blessing, or breakthrough; you have to know that God has heard you, and that he will deliver you.

Faith to hear your salvation means that you must be confident that God hears you.

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:

Psalms 91:15–16 (AV)¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: No Fear, Part IV (Faith That Hears God))

Lesson Text

- 2 Kings 6:24 – 2 Kings 7:16

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. Faith To Hear Your Present

II. Faith To Hear Your Future

III. Faith To Hear Your Calling

IV. Faith To Hear Your Salvation

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What was your favorite children’s song? Do you remember the words? Optional: sing it for the group.
2. What is your favorite: 1) quote 2) candy bar 3) article of clothing 4) day of the week 5) grocery store?

II. Into the Bible

1. When it comes to overcoming our fears, we must have an ear for what the Word of God says in order to develop our faith in Him. Each of the Scriptures listed in Column A provides a promise or a lesson we can use to develop faith and conquer fear. Read each Scripture and be prepared to summarize what you learn from it in your own words. Then, match each Scripture to one or more of the four points from Sunday’s sermon listed in Column B. Explain your answers.

Column A

Psalm 18:2-3

1 John 5:14-15

John 16:33

Acts 9:10-15

Column B

Faith to Hear Our Present

Faith to Hear Our Future

Faith to Hear Our Calling

Faith to Hear Our Salvation

2. Read James 4:2–3. Based on Pastor’s Bible Study two weeks ago and this passage of scripture, explain why people give up on their prayers.

III. Life Application

1. God rewarded the four leprous men and used them to save others in 2 Kings 7:3-16 because of their actions. How can their actions catapult you to fulfill the calling of God on your life? What would hold you back? What would you do to overcome this?
2. Elisha released the word of the Lord to the King and the king's assistant responded in doubt in 2 Kings 7:2. What can we learn from Elisha's response to the King's assistant? Does his response classify as a "clapback?"