



FREEDOM FROM YOUR FEARS

#2: FREEDOM FROM YOUR FEAR OF GOD

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Turn all your anxiety over to God because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7 (GWT)

I. WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS WHEN IT SAYS I AM TO “FEAR GOD”

I must understand the different kinds of “fear” the Bible speaks of:

1. I am commanded to reverence and respect God

Praise the LORD! How joyful are those who fear the LORD
Psalm 112:1 (NLT)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom
Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

2. God never intended for me to be terrified of Him

Jesus answered him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the greatest and most important commandment..”.

Matthew 22:37 (GWT)

II. REASONS I AM AFRAID OF GOD

1. I believe Satan’s lies about Him

The devil... is a liar and the father of lies.
John 8:44 (NLT)

2. I really don’t know God

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
John 17:3 (NIV)

He wants me to live with confidence and courage because I am His child

You didn’t receive a spirit that makes you a slave to fear once again. Instead you received the Holy Spirit, who makes you God’s child. By the Spirit’s power we call God “Abba.” Abba means Father.
Romans 8:16 (NIRV)

III. A STORY THAT DESCRIBES THE HEART OF GOD—LUKE 15:1-2,11-32

- 1. A revolutionary picture of God**
- 2. A rebellious son**
- 3. A loving father**
- 4. A self-righteous brother**

IV. WAYS TO BE FREE FROM MY FEAR OF GOD

1. Understand that God values me immeasurably

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

2. Know that God loves me unimaginably

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:10 (NLT)

3. Remember that God forgives me completely

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)