

Sunday, July 25, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare 2

Series: Vulnerability ... 5

Text: Genesis 3:1 - 11

Purpose: I want to PURSUADE my congregation BELIEVE that the enemy uses fear to refocus our faith and discipline in order to turn it to panic and misplaced trust.

Introduction:

Review of July 18 devotional:

1. Divine Desire, Matthew 19:13 – 15
2. Divine Intent, Genesis 1:28
3. Divine Command, Proverbs 22:6
4. Divine Heart, John 3:16

Review of July 11 devotional:

Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare, 1

1. Device of Temptation, Mark 1:8 - 13
2. Device of Doubt, James 1:6

~ Read Genesis 3:1 - 11

Vs. 10, "afraid;" #H3372 yare, causatively to frighten: affright, be (made) afraid, dread

~ still slides

1. Fear – Natural Fear Can be Protective:

~ Cheryl's personal experience

~ Matthew 4:5 – 7, *"Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple (6) and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." (7) Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.""*

~ Video clip

2. Fear – is a spirit:

~ 2 Timothy 1:7, *"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

#G1167, deilia: timidity, fearfulness, cowardice (this is the only occurrence of this Greek word in the New Testament)

~ We can only counter the 'spirit of fear' with the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:18 – *"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"*

3. Fear – of man is a snare:

~ Proverbs 29:25, *"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe."*

~ Matthew 10:29, *"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both the soul and body in hell."*

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~ Galatians 1:10, *"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."*

4. Fear – can open a door for spiritual attack:

~ Job 3:25, *"For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me."*

When I hold to 'fear' I open myself to doubt, temptation and misplaced trust.

5. Fear – of God is...:

~ Job 28:28, *"And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.'"*

~ Proverbs 9:10, *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."*

~ Selected verses from Psalms and Proverbs

Conclusion:

Ephesians 6:16, *"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;"*