

## “DO NOT FEAR”

### INTRODUCTION

**A. Psalm 118:6**

Man is powerless against the Lord. With Him on our side, we have nothing to fear.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7**

Instead of fear, God gives us power, love, and soundness of mind.

### I. “DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY, BUT CANNOT KILL THE SOUL.”

**A. Matthew 10:28**

Those who can do us fleshly violence cannot compare to the One whose power it is to punish everlastingly.

**B. Isaiah 51:7-8, 12-13**

Worldly oppressors are ultimately meaningless.

**C. Acts 20:24; 21:13; Revelation 2:10**

Though the primary text offers reassurance, it simultaneously underscores the fact that facing death for Christ’s sake is a reality.

**D. Matthew 16:24-27**

Serving Christ does demand laying down our lives.

**E. Hebrews 10:31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:11-15**

We may rightfully fear God who has the power to punish.

### II. “DO NOT FEAR THEREFORE; YOU ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.”

**A. Matthew 10:29-31**

God values every soul and is aware of what happens to every one of us.

**B. Matthew 6:25-34**

We ought not to worry, but pursue His will.

**C. Philippians 4:6-7**

Instead of worrying, we must pray.

**D. Psalm 8**

The Creator and sustainer of life cares about man.

**III. "IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID."**

**A. Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus has power over the elements.

**B. Psalm 65:5-7; 89:8-9; 107:23-32**

How can we not have confidence in so great a God?

**IV. "DO NOT BE AFRAID... HE IS RISEN..."**

**A. Matthew 28:1-10**

What shall we fear, knowing that Christ has conquered death?

**B. Romans 8:11**

Because of His resurrection, we can enjoy renewed spiritual life now, if we allow the Spirit.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:13-14**

We have confidence in future resurrection because of His triumph over death.

**D. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:12-28**

The gospel is moot unless He rose.

**V. "DO NOT BE AFRAID; ONLY BELIEVE."**

**A. Mark 5:21-24, 35-42**

The death of Jairus' daughter need not have caused him fear, for Christ would raise her.

**B. Philippians 1:21-23**

Our own eventual deaths should be regarded as gain.

**C. Revelation 14:13**

To Christians, death is a blessing.

**VI. "DO NOT BE AFRAID. FROM NOW ON YOU WILL CATCH MEN"**

**A. Luke 5:1-11**

Peter, James, and John were understandably astonished by the catch of fish commanded by Jesus, but He took them from fear to duty.

**B. Proverbs 11:30**

It is wise to win souls.

**C. Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16**

We must spread the word.

**VII. "DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM."**

**A. Luke 12:31-34**

We take assurance in the gift of the kingdom.

**B. Colossians 1:13**

We who have left the darkness are already in that kingdom.

**C. Hebrews 12:28**

It cannot be shaken!

**VIII. "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID."**

**A. John 14:27-29**

Jesus' departure from earth is no cause for alarm. He provides peace still.

**B. Matthew 28:20b**

He remains with us.

**C. Romans 8:35-39**

Christ's love is ever with us.

**IX. "DO NOT BE AFRAID, BUT SPEAK, AND DO NOT KEEP SILENT..."**

**A. Acts 18:9**

Paul was encouraged by the Lord to preach in Corinth without hesitation.

**B. Titus 2:11-15**

The truth of the gospel must be spoken authoritatively.

**C. Ephesians 6:17-19**

Prayers of saints are requested so that preachers will be bold.

**X. "DO NOT BE AFRAID; I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST"**

**A. Revelation 1:9-18**

Christ's eternal nature is a source of comfort.

**B. John 1:1-3**

He pre-existed the beginning.

**C. Hebrews 13:8**

He remains always the same.

**CONCLUSION**