

JA3. Not Fearing Those Who Would Oppose, Persecute or Harm Us.

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JA3a: *We are not to fear those who would oppose us.*

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JA3c: *We are not to fear those who would harm us.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

John 12:42-43

Nevertheless, many of the leaders did trust in him; but because of the P'rushim they did not say so openly, out of fear of being banned from the synagogue; for they loved praise from other people more than praise from God.

Philippians 1:27-28

Only conduct your lives in a way worthy of the Good News of the Messiah; so that whether I come and see you or I hear about you from a distance, you stand firm, united in spirit, fighting with one accord for the faith of the Good News, not frightened by anything the opposition does. This will be for them an indication that they are headed for destruction and you for deliverance. And this is from God;

Hebrews 13:6

Therefore, we say with confidence, "ADONAI is my helper; I will not be afraid- what can a human being do to me?"

Revelation 2:10

Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison, in order to put you to the test; and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful, even to the point of death; and I will give you life as your crown.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:26, 28-31, 14:26-27

Mark 5:36, 6:50

Luke 8:50, 12:4-7

John 6:20, 9:20-22

Acts 18:9-10, 27:24

2 Timothy 1:7

1 Peter 3:14

1 John 4:18

Related New Testament Mitzvot

- JA01 Blessing & Not Cursing Those Who Would Harm Us or Treat Us Wrongly: Loving Our Enemies
- JA02 Being Watchful for & Guarding Against Those Who Would Do Us Harm, & Lead Us Astray
- JA09 Keeping in Faith Amidst Persecution
- JA10 Allowing Ourselves to Be Abused within Reason
- MA02 Not Being Fearful of Man
- MA04 Not Having Anxiety or Worrying about Anything

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 15:1

Some time later the word of ADONAI came to Avram in a vision: "Don't be afraid, Avram. I am your protector; your reward will be very great."

Genesis 46:2-3

In a vision at night God called to Isra'el, "Ya'akov! Ya'akov!" He answered, "Here I am." He said, "I am God, the God of your father. Don't be afraid to go down to Egypt. It is there that I will make you into a great nation."

Exodus 14:13

Moshe answered the people, "Stop being so fearful! Remain steady, and you will see how ADONAI is going to save you. He will do it today- today you have seen the Egyptians, but you will never see them again!"

Isaiah 35:4

Say to the fainthearted, "Be strong and unafraid! Here is your God; he will come with vengeance; with God's retribution he will come and save you."

Isaiah 41:10-11

Don't be afraid, for I am with you; don't be distressed, for I am your God. I give you strength, I give you help, I support you with my victorious right hand. All those who were angry with you will be disgraced, put to shame; those who fought against you will be destroyed, brought to nothing.

Additional Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 21:17, 26:23-24

Isaiah 31:13, 43:1, 5

Haggai 2:5

Comment

The statement of *Mitzvah* #JA3 is obvious from its key and supporting Scriptures.

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Y05 Denying Yeshua for Fear of Man