

MA2. Not Being Fearful of Man.

We are not to be fearful of man.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 12:4-7

My friends, I tell you: don't fear those who kill the body but then have nothing more they can do. I will show you whom to fear: fear him who after killing you has authority to throw you into Gehinnom! Yes, I tell you, this is the one to fear! Aren't sparrows sold for next to nothing, five for two assarions? And not one of them has been forgotten by God. Why, every hair on your head has been counted! Don't be afraid, you are worth more than many sparrows.

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?"

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:28

Luke 10:19

John 7:13. 12:42

Romans 8:15

2 Timothy 1:7

1 Peter 3:14

1 John 4:18

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Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong, be bold, don't be afraid or frightened of them, for ADONAI your God is going with you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

1 Samuel 15:24

Sha'ul said to Sh'mu'el, "I have sinned. I violated the order of ADONAI and your words too, because I was afraid of the people and listened to what they said."

Psalms 27:1

ADONAI is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear? ADONAI is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?

Psalms 56:12(11)

.. in God I trust; I have no fear; what can mere humans do to me?

Psalms 118:6

With ADONAI on my side, I fear nothing- what can human beings do to me?

Proverbs 29:25

Fearing human beings is a snare; but he who trusts in ADONAI will be raised high [above danger].

Comment

Not having fear of man is a pervasive theme in Scripture even while Scripture graphically describes a multitude of bad things that were done to godly people by ungodly men. At first, this may appear paradoxical but it is not. Scripture does not promise that men cannot or will not hurt other men; in fact, it teaches the opposite. Steven was stoned (Acts 7:55-60), James was killed by the sword (Acts 12:2), Paul was imprisoned (Acts 24:24-27), and we know what happened to Yeshua. Scripture warns us that men, especially those influenced by the “adversary,” could very likely hurt us; no, what Scripture teaches and commands is that we who are believers and disciples of Yeshua are not to be afraid because, while God uses some of us in ways that we may not like (an understatement), we nevertheless belong to Him and, whether in this world or the next, we are destined to be with Him and all will be well.

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