

THE FEAR OF YAHWEH - PART 1

Part 1 — Introduction

Debarim 10:12-13

And now, Yisrael, what is Yahweh your Elohim asking of you, but to **fear** Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

The Hebrew word translated “**fear**” here is “**yarei**” which means to fear; morally (from the perspective of distinguishing right from wrong), to revere, to be in awe.

Webster’s dictionary defines **fear** as anxiety caused by real or possible danger, pain, etc.; **reverence** (a feeling of deep respect, love and awe; **awe** (a mixed feeling of reverence, fear and wonder)

In many ways we are a people, a world, consumed by fear. We are afraid to some degree of everything and everyone. Most of what we do is because of something or someone we are afraid of. Much of our time is spent in avoiding or escaping our fears. This is why we are so overwhelmed by stress, anxiety and nervousness.

When we “**fear**” man and situations we become filled with stress, anxiety and nervousness. When we “**fear**” Yahweh we become filled with peace, comfort and security.

We will find that the fear of man can often be broken down as:

F = False

E = Evidence

A = Appearing

R = Real

In many cases the false evidence appearing real is the false evidence that the one we fear has real authority over us; that they have control of us, our lives, and/or our futures. We must break free from that mindset by embracing the **FACT**, the **TRUTH**, that it is Yahweh, and Yahweh alone that we must fear!

When we do, we will find that when we fear Yahweh, we have no need to fear anything or anyone else.

Throughout the Scriptures we can read about those that “feared” man and those that “feared” Yahweh. We can see the fruit of each, and learn the lessons, recorded for our instruction.

Yahweh instructs us in His Word not to fear anyone or anything but Him!

Part 2 — Do Not Be Afraid

How many times have you felt backed into a corner without any choices or between the proverbial rock and a hard place? Yahweh instructs us in His Word how we are to handle being there.

Shemoth 14:1-31

- Do not be afraid (of men, the world) "...stand still and see the deliverance of Yahweh..."

Debarim 20:1-4

- Do not be afraid of the battles and attacks from the world, the overwhelming odds against you, because Yahweh fights with you!

Bemidbar 13:1-2, 13:21-33

- Do not fear the people of the land... FEAR YAHWEH!

