FEARLESS

Fear in the Bible: ["Fear not." 300+ times]

- **Hebrew Words:** terror, cringing fear, a falling back before superior force; the presence of a feared object and the trembling that presence causes.
- **Greek Words**: fear, terror; fright or reverence; dread.

Genesis 3:9, 10 – Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was **afraid** because I was naked; and I hid myself."

• "afraid" – to fear, be afraid; to stand in awe of, be awed; to fear, reverence, honour, respect.

Psalm 23:1 – The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Job 3:25 – For the thing I greatly **feared** has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.

- "feared" to be in dread.
- "dreaded" to fear, dread, be afraid.

II Timothy 1:7 – For God has not given us a **spirit** of **fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**. **AMP** – For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

- "<u>spirit</u>" the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one; the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.
- "fear" DEILIA; timidity, fearfulness, cowardice. [always used in a bad sense] DEILIA in other scriptures:
 - John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be <u>afraid</u>.
 - □ Matthew 8:25, 26 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
 - Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.
- "power" DUNAMIS; strength, power, ability; inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing

- exerts and puts forth; power for performing miracles; power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts.
- "love" AGAPE; Vine's: "Love can be known only from the actions it prompts. But obviously this is not the love of complacency, or affection, that is, it was not drawn out by any excellency in its objects. It was an exercise of the divine will in deliberate choice, made without assignable cause save that which lies in the nature of God Himself.
 - □ I Corinthians 13:4-8a [AMP] "Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited arrogant and inflated with pride; it does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it pays no attention to a suffered wrong. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end."
 - Colossians 3:14 But above all these things <u>put on love</u>, which is the bond of perfection.
 - I John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. IB We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; his perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what he might do to us and shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us.
- "sound mind" SOPHRONISMOS; a calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self-control; in your right mind.
 - Mark 5:15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his <u>right mind</u>. And they were afraid. [A saved mind]

Isaiah 41:10 – "Fear not; (there is nothing to fear) for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you (to difficulties); yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of rightness and justice."