Fearless Living in Fearful Times

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INTRODUCTION

- Fear is the big problem that we have, and fear is often opposed to trust.
- The rule is you either fear God or you will fear everything else.
- According to this verse, then I think we can conclude that it is possible for us to have fearless living in fearful times.

1 We Fear for Our Lives

Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 8:8

- First of all, we fear for our lives. We live in fear of death.
- You can stay off of airplanes, but that won't deal with the problem because you're going to die whether you get on airplanes or not.
- It is appointed for men to die once, but after this, the judgment.

2 Fear of Losing Our Health

2 Kings 20:1–3; Luke 8:43; John 5:5–6

- Then there's a second fear that we have, and that is fear of losing our health.
- Hezekiah was a man of faith. He was a man of God, he was a good man, and yet still he was consumed in bitter sadness over the fact that he was going to die.
- There's the possibility that a person might live a long time with an illness.
- We can't enjoy the good health that we have for fear that we're going to lose it.

3 Fears Related to Money

1 Timothy 6:17

- Most of our fears involve loss, don't they? Loss of health, loss of life, loss of our money.
- Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who gives us all things richly to enjoy.
- You're either going to lose your money or your money is going to lose you.
- God is certain, sure, stable, unchanging, and safe. Money is not.

4 Fear of the Future

Proverbs 27:1; Luke 12:19–20

- This fear of the future. And maybe that's really the sum of all of our fears.
- Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- This man was not rich toward God.

- People have turned away from the book of God. They've not listened to God's word. They've not trusted in God, and so they're afraid of everything.

5 Obedience: I Must Be Obedient to Christ

Hebrews 5:9; Luke 6:46

- The first thing I'm going to talk about is obedience. Notice that this is something that is done through Jesus Christ our Lord. I must be obedient to Christ.
- He became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.
- Why do you call me Lord, and then not do the things which I say?
- Anything less than obedience to Christ is an attempt to deceive myself.

6 Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart

Proverbs 3:5–6

- Be anxious for nothing. Don't be filled with fear. Why not? Because God is going to take care of you.
- If you're a Christian and you're living before the Lord in humility and love and sacrifice, you're doing the will of God. And you die tomorrow, you go to heaven.
- I'm not eager to die tonight, but I'm ready.
- Trust on the Lord with all your heart. Lean not to your own understanding, and all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

MY NOTES