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**Do Not Fear, God has Come to  
Test You**

**Scripture text: Exodus 20:18-21**

**We are entering into a time where people are fearful for the things that are coming upon the earth.**

**Luke 21:24-27** They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.** "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And **then they will see** the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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**Even in the giving of the 10 Commandments, the people feared!**

**Exodus 20:18-20** Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, **the people were afraid and trembled**, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear, for God has come to test you**, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

**Gen 15:1** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "**Fear not, Abram, I am your shield**; your reward shall be very great."

**Genesis 21:15-17** When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, **she lifted up her voice and wept**. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? **Fear not**, for **God has heard the voice of the boy where he is**."

**Genesis 26:21-25** Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

From there he went up to Beersheba. And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. **Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.**" So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

**Genesis 35:15-20** So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel. Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "**Do not fear**, for **you have another son.**" And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), **she called his name Ben-oni**; but his father called him Benjamin. So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, **Bethlehem**), and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day.

**Genesis 50:17-21** 'Say to Joseph, **Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin**, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "**Do not fear**, **for am I in the place of God?** As for you, you meant evil against me, but **God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive**, as they are today. **So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.**" Thus he **comforted them and spoke kindly to them.**

**Exodus 14:11-14** They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "**Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD,** which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. **The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.**"

**Ezekiel 3:7-11** But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, **for they are not willing to listen to me**: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. **Fear them not**, nor be dismayed at their looks, **for they are a rebellious house.**" Moreover, he said to me, "**Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.** And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, '**Thus says the Lord GOD,**' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

**Daniel 10:10-14** And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, "**O Daniel, man greatly loved**, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And **when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling**. Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me**, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. **For the vision is for days yet to come.**"

**Daniel 10:17-21** How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? **For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.**" Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "**Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.**" Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. But **I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth:** there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince."

**Joel 2:20-23** "I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things. "**Fear not**, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! **Fear not**, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield. "**Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God**, for he has given the early rain **for your vindication**; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

**Zephaniah 3:15-19** The LORD has taken away the **judgments against you**; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; **you shall never again fear evil**. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "**Fear not**, O Zion; **let not your hands grow weak**. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; **he will quiet you by his love**; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time **I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.**

**Haggai 2:4-8** Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. **Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts**, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. **My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not**. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts.

**Zechariah 8:11-15** But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, declares the LORD of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace. The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. And **I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things**. And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, **so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.**" For thus says the LORD of hosts: "As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; **fear not.**"

**Malachi 3:2-6** But **who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?** For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. **He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,** and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. "**Then I will draw near to you for judgment.** I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. "**For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.**

**Matthew 1:18-21** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, **being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame**, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit**. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, **for he will save his people from their sins**."

**Matthew 10:26-31** "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Matthew 17:7-12** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, **they saw no one but Jesus only.** And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "**Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?**" He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."

**Luke 1:68-75** "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke **by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old**, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, **being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear**, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**Luke 8:49-54** While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "**Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.**" And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But **taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise."**

**Luke 12:4-9** "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But **I will warn you whom to fear: fear him** who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. "And I tell you, **everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.**

**Luke 12:27-32** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But **if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you**, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. "**Fear not**, little flock, **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

**John 12:12-16** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast **heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "**Fear not**, daughter of Zion; **behold, your king is coming**, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but **when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.**

**Romans 8:12-17** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** and if children, then heirs--**heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,** provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**Philippians 1:9-14** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all **discernment**, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me **has really served to advance the gospel**, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And **most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

**2 Timothy 1:6-11** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and **which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,** for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

**Hebrews 10:23-27** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. For **if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.**

**Hebrews 13:1-6** Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**" So we can confidently say, "**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**"

**1 Peter 3:1-6** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when **they see your respectful and pure conduct**. Do not let your adorning be external--the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear--but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For **this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves**, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, **if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening**.

**1 Peter 3:12-16** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

**Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?** But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. **Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.**

**1 John 4:17-21** By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For **fear has to do with punishment**, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. **If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar**; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother**.

**Revelation 1:17-20** When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "**Fear not**, I am the first and the last, and the living one. **I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.** Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**Revelation 2:8-11** "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.' **"I know your tribulation and your poverty** (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. **Do not fear what you are about to suffer.** Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, **that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation.** **Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'**