



# Freedom From Fear

## The Bondage of Fear Leader's Notes

### I. Reverential fear.

- Reverential fear causes us to respect and worship God.
- God is greater than man in every way, and He deserves our reverence.
- Hebrews 11:6, *"...he who comes to God must believe that He is..." (NKJV).*
- Webster's definition of "God."
  - *"The one supreme being, the creator and ruler of the universe."*
- Proverbs 19:23, *"Fear of the Lord leads to life, bringing security and protection from harm" (NLT).*

### II. Manipulative fear.

- Fear designed to force people to do, or not to do, whatever the manipulator desires.
- The children of Israel were afraid God was going to let them die in the wilderness.
- God does not use manipulation.
- Manipulative fear is a thought and an emotion you experience.
- Manipulative fear is a weapon of the enemy.
- Fear is the realization that you have a need you cannot meet.
- 1 John 4:18, *"[God's] love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear" (NLT).*



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## III. Where does fear come from?

- Fear is part of the curse that came on the earth when Adam disobeyed God.
- Genesis 2:15-17, *“The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, ‘You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die’” (NLT).*
- Adam, Eve and their descendants had a new lord—Satan—who ruled with death and fear.
- People who do not know God live in fear.
- Fear has its root in the fear of death.
- Hebrews 2:14-15, *“Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying” (NLT).*
- Fear is one of the devil’s greatest weapons.
- God has a plan for your life that is the best for you.
- Hebrews 13:6, *“The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear” (NLT).*
- The devil uses his weapon of fear to keep you away from God.
- Some people have listened to the devil’s lies, and they are afraid of God.
- Jesus defeated the devil and his lies are powerless against you.



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## Prayer of Confession...

*I confess that I am delivered from fear in every form. Fear, terror, torment, worry, oppression and death have no place in me. I keep the commandments of God's love and do those things that please Him. The love of God is in me, and I live in peace free from fear in every area of my life.*

*In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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## Application...

Fear is a weapon of the devil, so I will not receive it. When my emotions go toward fear, I will take authority and speak my belief in the love and power of God to me. God's Word, His promises and His love will take care of me.

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