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Prayer Study #349
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Handout #2: THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

Mary Garrison in her excellent book *How to Try a Spirit* list the following characteristics of a person with a Spirit of Fear: fright (Psalm 55:5 AMP, torment (1st John 4:18), trembling (Job 4:14), horror (Psalm 55:5), dread (Exodus 15:16), faithless (Matthew 8:26), terror, nightmares, apprehension, anxiety, unduly careful, agitation, timidity, worry, shy, inferiority, inadequacy, tension, heart attacks (Luke 21:26), fear of man (Proverbs 29:25), fear of poverty, and phobias. Five types of people who are oppressed by the Spirit of Fear are those with a critical spirit, an introvert, a perfectionist, a hermit, and a recluse.

I have found in my own ministry that many are subject to the Spirit of Fear and this manifests often in teachings that expose Satan and his demonic kingdom. We should not be fearful of the demonic kingdom, although we do respect the fact that this kingdom has a measure of power. This power is so weak, however, compared to the power we have in the Holy Spirit, in the Blood of Jesus, in the Name of Jesus, and in the Word of God, which is our testimony, our testimony being the Holy Bible scriptures which we can quote aloud to Satan to counter any attack of the wicked one. He hates the Blood, because it is what was necessary to "buy" us back and set us free. He hates the Name because it reminds him of the Lord of Hosts who has *already* soundly defeated him. He hates the Word because it blows his cover and shows how limited his power really is. He hates the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is the one who gives us power. There will be a day when we will look on Lucifer and say sarcastically and with amazement as he is brought down, *"Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who did shake kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness, and destroyed its cities, who opened not the house of his prisoners?"* (Isaiah 14:16-17). Then he will be revealed not as a fallen archangel, which we have been falsely taught, but the cherub he really is. (Ezekiel 28:14-15)

The opposite of fear is faith, without which it is impossible to please God, (Hebrews 11:6), but the antidote or medicine for fear is perfect love (1st John 4:18). When the Body has a revelation of how much God loves us, we will

have no fear no matter what happens on the earth. This is so need today for we will live to see perilous times on the earth (2nd Timothy 3).

Scriptures pertaining to Fear

For God hath not given us the Spirit of Fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2nd Timothy 1:7

Psalm 23:4 tells us that we are to fear no evil.

Psalm 34:4 tells us that if we seek the Lord until He hears us, He will deliver us from all our fears.

Jesus said to the disciples, *"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?"* (Matthew 8:26)

Scriptures pertaining to Faith

Acts 15:9 tells us we purify our hearts by faith.

Matthew 5:8 says that the pure in heart will see God.

Romans 10:17 gives us the way to grow faith by hearing the Word: *Faith comes by hearing the hearing by the Word of God.*

According to Galatians 5:6, faith works by love.

Ephesians 6:16 teaches us that our shield against all the fiery darts of the enemy is faith. I suspect that the main fiery dart of the enemy is the Spirit of Fear.