

Fear Not: Be Strong and of Good Courage!

Purpose: Continue with our exploration of The Fear of God and whether it is about “being terrified” or does it mean “respect and reverence”?

Deut 31:6 **Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them:** for the LORD thy God, he [it is] that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

⁶**Be strong**^{H2388} **and of a good courage**^{H553}, **fear**^{H3372} **not**, nor^{H408} be afraid^{H6206} of them: for the LORD^{H3068} thy God^{H430}, he it is that doth go^{H1980} with thee; he will not fail^{H7503} thee, nor^{H3808} forsake^{H5800} thee.

⁷And Moses^{H4872} called^{H7121} unto Joshua^{H3091}, and said^{H559} unto him in the sight^{H5869} of all^{H3605} Israel^{H3478}, **Be strong**^{H2388} **and of a good courage**^{H553}: for thou must go^{H935} with this^{H2088} people^{H5971} unto the land^{H776} which^{H834} the LORD^{H3068} hath sworn^{H7650} unto their fathers^{H1} to give^{H5414} them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit^{H5157} it.

⁸And the LORD^{H3068}, he it is that doth go^{H1980} before^{H6440} thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail^{H7503} thee, neither^{H3808} forsake^{H5800} thee: **fear**^{H3372} **not**, neither^{H3808} be **+dismayed**^{H2865}.

Be strong

H2388 châzaq *khaw-zak'* A primitive root; to *fasten* upon; hence to *seize*, **be strong** (figuratively **courageous**, causatively *strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify*), *obstinate*; to *bind, restrain, conquer*:—aid, amend, X calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) **courage** (-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, **strengthen** (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) **strong** (-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

H553 âmats *aw-mats'* A primitive root; to *be alert*, physically (on foot) or mentally (in **courage**):—confirm, be courageous (of good courage, stedfastly minded, strong, stronger), establish, fortify, harden, increase, prevail, strengthen (self), make strong (obstinate, speed).

Fear

H3372 yârê', yaw-ray'; a primitive root; to fear; morally to revere; causatively to frighten:—affright, be (make) afraid, dread(-ful), (put in) fear(-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence(-end), ✕ see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

do not (nor)

Hebrew 408: 1) not, no, nor, neither, nothing (as wish or preference) 1a) do not, let not (with a verb) 1b) let there not be (with a verb understood) 1c) not, no (with substantive) 1d) nothing (as substantive)

be afraid

Strong's Hebrew 3372: 1) **to fear**, revere, be afraid, to fear, be afraid 1a2) to stand in awe of, be awed 1a3) to fear, reverence, honour, respect, 1b1) **to be fearful, be dreadful**, be feared 1b2) to cause astonishment and awe, be held in awe 1b3) to inspire reverence or godly fear or awe 1c) to make afraid, terrify 2) to shoot, pour

or terrified

Strong's Hebrew 6206: 1) to tremble, dread, fear, oppress, prevail, break, be terrified, cause to tremble 1a) to cause to tremble, terrify 1b2) to tremble, feel dread 1b) to be awesome, be terrible 1c) 1c1) to regard or treat with awe, regard or treat as awful 1c2) to inspire with awe, terrify

of them,

Strong's Hebrew 6440: 1) face 1a) face, faces 1b) presence, person 1c) face (of seraphim or cherubim) 1d) face (of animals) 1e) face, surface (of ground) 1f) as adv of loc/temp 1f1) before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before 1g) with prep 1g1) in front of, before, to the front of, in the presence of, in the face of, at the face or front of, from the presence of, from before, from before the face of

for

Strong's Hebrew 3588: 1) that, for, because, when, as though, as, because that, but, then, certainly, except, surely, since 1a) that 1a1) yea, indeed 1b) when (of time) 1b1) when, if, though (with a concessive force) 1c) because, since (causal connection) 1d) but (after negative) 1e) that if, for if, indeed if, for though, but if 1f) but rather, but 1g) except that 1h) only, nevertheless 1i) surely 1j) that is 1k) but if 1l) for though 1m) forasmuch as, for therefore

it is the LORD

Strong's Hebrew 3068: Jehovah = 'the existing One' 1) the proper name of the one true God

your God

Strong's Hebrew 430: 1) (plural) 1a) rulers, judges 1b) divine ones 1c) angels 1d) gods 2) (plural intensive-singular meaning) 2a) god, goddess 2b) godlike one 2c) works or special possessions of God 2d) the (true) God 2e) God

who

Strong's Hebrew 1931: pron 3p s 1) he, she, it 1a) himself (with emphasis) 1b) resuming subj with emphasis 1c) (with minimum emphasis following predicate) 1d)

(anticipating subj) 1e) (emphasising predicate) 1f) that, it (neuter) demons pron 2) that (with article)

goes

Strong's Hebrew 1980: 1) to go, walk, come 1a) to go, walk, come, depart, proceed, move, go away 1a2) to die, live, manner of life (fig.) 1b) to walk 1b2) to walk (fig.) 1c) 1c1) to traverse 1c2) to walk about 1d) to lead, bring, lead away, carry, cause to walk

with you;

Strong's Hebrew 5973: 1) with 1a) with 1b) against 1c) toward 1d) as long as 1e) beside, except 1f) in spite of

He will never

Strong's Hebrew 3808: 1) not, no 1a) not (with verb-absolute prohibition) 1b) not (with modifier-negation) 1c) nothing (subst) 1d) without (with particle) 1e) before (of time)

leave you

Strong's Hebrew 7503: 1) to sink, relax, sink down, let drop, be disheartened 1a) to sink down 1a2) to sink, drop 1a3) to sink, relax, abate 1a4) to relax, withdraw 1b) idle (participle) 1c) to let drop 1d) 1d1) to let drop, abandon, relax, refrain, forsake 1d2) to let go 1d3) to refrain, let alone 1d4) to be quiet 1e) to show oneself slack

nor

Strong's Hebrew 3808: 1) not, no 1a) not (with verb-absolute prohibition) 1b) not (with modifier-negation) 1c) nothing (subst) 1d) without (with particle) 1e) before (of time)

forsake you.

Strong's Hebrew 5800: 1) to leave, loose, forsake 1a) to leave 1a1) **to depart from**, leave behind, leave, let alone 1a2) to leave, abandon, forsake, neglect, apostatise 1a3) to let loose, set free, let go, free 1b) to be left to 1b2) **to be forsaken 1c) to be deserted** 2) to restore, repair 2a) to repair

Parallel Strong's

King James Bible

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he [it is] that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

New International Version

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

New Living Translation

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

English Standard Version

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

New American Standard Bible

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For it is the LORD your God who goes with you; He will not leave you or forsake you."

International Standard Version

Be strong and courageous. Don't fear or tremble before them, because the LORD your God will be the one who keeps on walking with you—he won't leave you or abandon you."

NET Bible

Be strong and courageous! Do not fear or tremble before them, for the LORD your God is the one who is going with you. He will not fail you or abandon you!"

American Standard Version

Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for Jehovah thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

English Revised Version

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Young's Literal Translation

be strong and courageous, fear not, nor be terrified because of them, for Jehovah thy God is He who is going with thee; He doth not fail thee nor forsake thee.'

Other places or people who were to be strong and or courageous?

Duet 31:22 Moses^{H4872} therefore wrote^{H3789} this^{H2063} song^{H7892} the same^{H1931} day^{H3117}, and taught^{H3925} it the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478}.

²³And he gave Joshua^{H3091} the son^{H1121} of Nun^{H5126} a charge^{H6680}, and said^{H559}, **Be strong^{H2388} and of a good courage^{H553}**: for thou shalt bring^{H935} the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} into^{H413} the land^{H776} which^{H834} I swear^{H7650} unto them: and I will be with thee.

Joshua 1:5-9

⁶**Be strong^{H2388} and of a good courage^{H553}**: for unto this^{H2088} people^{H5971} shalt thou divide for an inheritance^{H5157} the land^{H776}, which^{H834} I swear^{H7650} unto their fathers^{H1} to give^{H5414} them.

⁷Only^{H7535} **be thou strong^{H2388} and very^{H3966} courageous^{H553}**, that thou mayest observe^{H8104} to do^{H6213} according to all^{H3605} the law^{H8451}, which^{H834} Moses^{H4872} my servant^{H5650} commanded^{H6680} thee: turn^{H5493} not from it to the right^{H3225} hand^{H3225} or to the left^{H8040}, that thou mayest prosper^{H7919} whithersoever^{H3605-H834} thou goest^{H3212}.

⁸This^{H2088} **book^{H5612} of the law^{H8451} shall not depart^{H4185} out of thy mouth^{H6310}**; but thou shalt meditate^{H1897} therein day^{H3119} and night^{H3915}, that thou mayest observe^{H8104} to do^{H6213} according to all^{H3605} that is written^{H3789} therein: for then^{H227} thou shalt make thy way^{H1870} prosperous^{H6743}, and then^{H227} thou shalt have good success^{H7919}.

⁹Have not I commanded^{H6680} thee? **Be strong^{H2388} and of a good courage^{H553}; be not afraid^{H6206}, neither^{H408} be thou dismayed^{H2865}**: for the LORD^{H3068} thy God^{H430} is with thee whithersoever^{H3605-H834} thou goest^{H3212}.

Joshua 1:16 And they answered^{H6030} Joshua^{H3091}, saying^{H559}, All^{H3605} that thou commandest^{H6680} us we will do^{H6213}, and whithersoever^{H413-H3605-H834} thou sendest^{H7971} us, we will go^{H3212}.

¹⁷According as we hearkened^{H8085} unto Moses^{H4872} in all^{H3605} things, so^{H3651} will we hearken^{H8085} unto thee: only^{H7535} the LORD^{H3068} thy God^{H430} be with thee, as he was with Moses^{H4872}.

¹⁸Whosoever^{H376-H834} he be that doth rebel^{H4784} against thy commandment^{H6310}, and will not hearken^{H8085} unto thy words^{H1697} in all^{H3605} that thou commandest^{H6680} him, he shall be put to death^{H4191}: only^{H7535} **be strong^{H2388} and of a good courage^{H553}**.

1 Chronicles 22:9-13 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

¹⁰He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

¹¹Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee.

12 Only the Lord give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou take heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: **be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.**

1 Chron 28:20 And David^{H1732} said^{H559} to Solomon^{H8010} his son^{H1121}, **Be strong^{H2388} and of good courage^{H553}, and do^{H6213} it: fear^{H3372} not, nor^{H408} be dismayed^{H2865}**: for the LORD^{H3068} God^{H430}, even my God^{H430}, will be with thee; he will not fail^{H7503} thee, nor^{H3808} forsake^{H5800} thee, until^{H5704} thou hast finished^{H3615} all^{H3605} the work^{H4399} for the service^{H5656} of the house^{H1004} of the LORD^{H3068}.

2 Chron 15:7 Be ye strong^{H2388} therefore, and let not your hands^{H3027} be weak^{H7503}: for your work^{H6468} shall be rewarded^{H7939}. ⁸And when Asa^{H609} heard^{H8085} these^{H428} words^{H1697}, and the prophecy^{H5016} of Oded^{H5752} the prophet^{H5030}, he **took courage^{H2388}**, and put^{H5674} away^{H5674} the abominable^{H8251} idols^{H8251} out of all^{H3605} the land^{H776} of Judah^{H3063} and Benjamin^{H1144}, and out of the cities^{H5892} which^{H834} he had taken^{H3920} from mount^{H2022} Ephraim^{H669}, and renewed^{H2318} the altar^{H4196} of the LORD^{H3068}, that was before^{H6440} the porch^{H197} of the LORD^{H3068}.

2 Chron 20:15-17 And he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will* be with you.

2 Chron 32:7 Be strong^{H2388} and courageous^{H553}, be not afraid^{H3372} nor^{H408} dismayed^{H2865} for the king^{H4428} of Assyria^{H804}, nor for all^{H3605} the multitude^{H1995} that is with him: for there be more^{H7227} with us than with him:

⁸With him is an arm^{H2220} of flesh^{H1320}; but with us is the LORD^{H3068} our God^{H430} to help^{H5826} us, and to fight^{H3898} our battles^{H4421}. And the people^{H5971} rested^{H5564} themselves upon the words^{H1697} of Hezekiah^{H2396} king^{H4428} of Judah^{H3063}.

Isaiah 35:3 Strengthen^{H2388} ye the weak^{H7504} hands^{H3027}, and confirm^{H553} the feeble^{H3782} knees^{H1290}.

⁴Say^{H559} to them that are of a fearful^{H4116} heart^{H3820}, **Be strong^{H2388}, fear^{H3372} not**: behold^{H2009}, your God^{H430} will come^{H935} with vengeance^{H5359}, even God^{H430} with a recompense^{H1576}; he will come^{H935} and save^{H3467} you.

Psalm 31:24 Be strong and of good courage, all you who put your hope in the Lord.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled**, neither let it be **afraid** (G1168 **deiliáo**, di-lee-ah'-o; to be timid:—be afraid..

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Eph 6:10-19 Finally^{G3063}, my brethren^{G80}, be **strong**^{G1743} in the Lord^{G2962}, and in the power^{G2904} of his might^{G2479}. **Strong** – Gr1743 - Endunamoo – (from G1411 - Dunamis – power -, where we get Dynamite from; see Eph 1:19) Empowered, enabled, increased in strength, be or make strong

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 /':Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Power – G2904 – Kratos – vigor, dominion, might, power, strength

Might – G2479 – Ishus – forcefulness, ability, might, power, strength

¹¹Put^{G1746} on^{G1746} the whole armour^{G3833} of God^{G2316}, that ye may be able^{G1410} to stand^{G2476} against^{G4314} the wiles^{G3180} of the devil^{G1228}. ¹²For we wrestle^{G2076-G3823} not against^{G4314} flesh^{G4561} and blood^{G129}, but against^{G4314} principalities^{G746}, against^{G4314} powers^{G1849}, against^{G4314} the rulers^{G2888} of the darkness^{G4655} of this^{G5127} world^{G165}, against^{G4314} spiritual^{G4152} wickedness^{G4189} in high^{G2032} places. ¹³Wherefore^{G1223-G5124} take^{G353} unto you the whole armour^{G3833} of God^{G2316}, that ye may be able^{G1410} to withstand^{G436} in the evil^{G4190} day^{G2250}, and having done^{G2716} all^{G537}, to stand^{G2476}.

¹⁴Stand^{G2476} therefore^{G3767}, having your^{G5216} loins^{G3751} girt^{G4024} about^{G4024} with truth^{G226}, and having^{G1746} on^{G1746} the breastplate^{G2382} of righteousness^{G1343}; ¹⁵And your^{G3588} feet^{G4228} shod^{G5265} with the preparation^{G2091} of the gospel^{G2098} of peace^{G1515};

¹⁶Above^{G1909} all^{G3956}, taking^{G353} the shield^{G2375} of faith^{G4102}, wherewith^{G1722-G3739} ye shall ++be able^{G1410} to quench^{G4570} all^{G3956} the fiery^{G4448} darts^{G956} of the wicked^{G4190}. ¹⁷And take^{G1209} the helmet^{G4030} of salvation^{G4992}, and the sword^{G3162} of the Spirit^{G4151}, which^{G3739} is **the word**^{G4487} of God^{G2316}: ¹⁸Praying^{G4336} always^{G1722-G3956-G2540} with all^{G3956} prayer^{G4335} and supplication^{G1162} in the Spirit^{G4151}, and watching^{G69} thereunto^{G1519-G846-G5124} with all^{G3956} perseverance^{G4343} and supplication^{G1162} for all^{G3956} saints^{G40}; ¹⁹And for me, that utterance^{G3056} may be given^{G1325} unto me, that I may open^{G1722-G457} my mouth^{G4750} boldly^{G3954}, to make^{G1107} known^{G1107} the mystery^{G3466} of the gospel^{G2098},

2 Timothy 1:7 For God^{G2316} hath not given^{G1325} us the spirit^{G4151} of fear^{G1167}; but of **power**^{G1411}, and of love^{G26}, and of a sound^{G4995} mind^{G4995}.

2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore^{G3767}, my son^{G5043}, **be strong**^{G1743} in the grace^{G5485} that is in Christ^{G5547} Jesus^{G2424}. ²And the things that thou hast heard^{G191} of me among^{G1223} many^{G4183} witnesses^{G3144}, the same^{G5023} commit^{G3908} thou to faithful^{G4103} men^{G444}, who^{G3748} shall be able^{G2425} to teach^{G1321} others^{G2087} also^{G2532}. ³Thou therefore^{G3767} endure^{G2553} hardness^{G2553}, as a good^{G2570} soldier^{G4757} of Jesus^{G2424} Christ^{G5547}.

Phil 4:5 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. **6 Be careful for nothing; (Don't be anxious or fret)** but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

¹² I know both how to be **abased, and I know how to abound**: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ **I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.**

Conclusion: The beginning of wisdom is the FEAR of God. This can be respect or reverence or it could be terrified of His Power and wrath. He sent the flood. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. He killed all the first born of Egypt and then destroyed Pharaoh and his army. He killed 186,000 Assyrians in one night. His Power should be revered. But we should NOT FEAR enemies and or life's adversity. We should not be afraid nor dismayed. We should take courage knowing the "Dunamis" Power of the Lord God! He will never leave or forsake us!

Examples of the disciples abuse by the Jews with John the Baptist head being removed, Peter imprisoned and executed, Paul imprisoned and killed after years of scourging and stonings. They were told in advance they would suffer, but they suffered for Christ and advancing the Christian faith. We too are forewarned that if we suffer with Him we will reign with Him!

So in the words of John Wayne: : "Buck up Pilgrims, buck up!"