

1 Thessalonians Series

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Fear, Worry, Anxiety
1 Thessalonians 1:8



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THESSALONIANS

**THEREFORE, COMFORT ONE
ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS**

Isa. 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”

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acc fem sing
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STEP ONE: Claim a promise

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions

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1-אָרַךְ יִרְאֶה *yr²-1*

qal imperf 2 masc
sing jussiveM

“to fear, respect,
show awe”

שִׁתַּע *sht^c*

qal imperf 2 masc sing
jussiveM

“to look anxiously
about, to be
overwhelmed by
anxiety, worry”

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

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1. Fear is an emotional sin that lies at the center of a web of mental-attitude sins: anxiety, worry, dread, agitated, terrified, often these are accompanied or develop into anger, resentment, discouragement, and depression.

2. Fear is a representative emotional sin; therefore, fear is negative in the spiritual life of the Church Age. If you are afraid, you are out of fellowship.

3. Fear and the function of your spiritual life are mutually exclusive.

4. Fear results when we lose focus on our personal eternal destiny and God's plan for our life.

5. Fear in the soul represents emotional arrogance, distraction to the spiritual life.

6. This is why fear sees the problem and intensifies; faith sees the solution and keeps moving forward.

7. Through the faith-rest drill each believer (Abraham, Moses, and David) emphasized the solution rather than the problem.

8. They avoided the distraction of fear. They by-passed the negatives of fear for the victory of trusting God's Word.