

## Answers and Comments Lesson 81

Fear	reconciliation	withdrew
Death	mouth	separated
Lifetime	boldly	fearing
Bondage	know	circumcision
Little	mystery	fear
Stomach's	gospel	man
Often	boldly	snare
Infirmities	ought	sister
Timotheus	speak	ashamed
Without	ashamed	
Fear	boldness	
Despise	life	
Peace	death	
Stir	suffered	
Gift	shamefully	
Ashamed	bold	
Fear	speak	
Lord	gospel	
Clean	much	
Fear	contention	
Trembling	confident	
Fear	bold	
God	speak	
Fear	without	
God	fear	
God	James	
Not	eat	
Fear	Gentiles	

The spirit (disposition, state of mind) of fear is not from God.

God did not want His earthly people to be afraid of their enemies. In Deut. 7:18, 19 God tells Israel, "Thou shalt not be afraid of them... vs. 19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out: so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou are afraid."

Deut. 7:21, "Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible." But Israel refused to believe God, Num. 14:9 "Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land..." But they did rebel and they ended up never being able to fully possess that which God had promised to deliver to them.

We don't want to repeat Israel's mistakes. Our promises are different but Paul tells us in Rom. 8:37, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Nothing or no one can separate us from the love of God and death will only bring us to Him!

## Lesson 82 God's Power Defeats Fear

II Tim. 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

God has given us a threefold provision to defeat the spirit of fear. 1. Power 2. Love 3. Sound mind.

Power – What careful students we need to be to rightly divide the word of truth when we study. If we are careless we might think that we now have power to:

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and over all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall by any means \_\_\_\_\_ you."

Acts 6:8 "And Stephen, full of faith and \_\_\_\_\_, did great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ among the people."

Is this the kind of power operating in believers today?? Paul has much to say about power. Read Eph. 3:13-21, vs. 16 "... \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ by his Spirit in the \_\_\_\_\_; " vs. 20 "Now unto him that is \_\_\_\_\_ to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_."

Col. 1:11 " \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_, according to his glorious \_\_\_\_\_, unto all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_;"

II Cor. 12:9 "And he said unto me, My \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for thee: for \_\_\_\_\_ is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ me." Vs. 10 "...for when I am weak, then am I \_\_\_\_\_."

Col. 1:29 "Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which \_\_\_\_\_ in me \_\_\_\_\_."

It is clear from all these verses that this power is not some sort of human effort. It is evident that this power is of God and it works in our inner man. Is this power mystical, mysterious, secret, obscure, ethereal?

Heb. 4:12 "For the word of God is quick and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ than any two-edged sword..."

I Thes. 2:13 "...because when ye received the word of God... but as it is in truth, the word of God, which \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_."

Col. 3:16 "Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ dwell in you richly..."

Eph. 6:17 "...and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_:"

The powerful word of God works in us unleashing the power of God in our lives.

Eph. 1:19 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his mighty \_\_\_\_\_, vs. 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he

\_\_\_\_\_ him from the \_\_\_\_\_, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,” The same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead is working in us.

### **Lesson 82 Continued**

Do we fail to understand or appreciate the power of the word of God? The word of God is designed to do a mighty work in our lives. It is strengthening, empowering, inspiring, enabling. The word of God makes us strong, it gives us power to be bold, to fight, to endure!

Is. 55:11 “So shall \_\_\_\_\_ be that goeth forth out of my \_\_\_\_\_: it shall not return unto me \_\_\_\_\_, but it shall \_\_\_\_\_ that which I \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall \_\_\_\_\_ in the thing whereto I sent it.”

Rom. 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unto \_\_\_\_\_.”

I Pet. 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

II Cor. 2:7 “But we have this treasure (the gospel) in earthen vessels, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ may be of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of us.”

Eph. 6:10 “Finally, my brethren, be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Compare this with II Tim. 2:1 “Thou therefore, my son, be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, that is in Christ Jesus.”

It is only as you and I understand the revelation of the mystery (God’s grace to us in Christ) that we are strong for all things.

Phil. 4:13 “I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ me.”

Heb. 5:13, 14 “For everyone that useth \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness: for he is a \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 14 But \_\_\_\_\_ belongeth to them that are of \_\_\_\_\_ even those who by reason of \_\_\_\_\_ have their senses \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ both good and evil.”

God’s power is found in the Word of God. Are we accessing it and letting it work in our lives to defeat fear?

God wants His power (His word) operating in His children. He wants us to be strong soldiers in the fight of faith! May we, by the power of God, say with Paul when our lives here come to an end, II Tim. 4:7 “I have \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, I have \_\_\_\_\_ my course, I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Are we longing for the power of Samson? The power of God given to the disciples? God’s power to us through His Word equips us to live the Christian life to the glory and praise of God our Saviour.

Next week we will look at God’s provision of love and a sound mind.