

FINDING FREEDOM

Free from Others

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ~ Romans 13:8-10

"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe." ~ Proverbs 29:25

I—yes, I—am the one who comforts you. Who are you, that you are so afraid of humans who will die, descendants of mere men, who have been made like grass? ~ Isaiah 51:12

We can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ~ Hebrews 13:6 (See also Psalm 118:5-9; Psalm 56:4; Psalm 56:10-11; Romans 8:31)

Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults. ~ Isaiah 51:7

"The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else." ~ Oswald Chambers

"It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man." ~ John Witherspoon

1. The Prison of Dependence

Am I saying this now to win the approval of people or God? Am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant. ~ Galatians 1:10

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." ~ Luke 10:41-42

2. The Prison of Deification

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ~ Psalm 27:1

3. The Prison of Boundaries

*But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."
~ Mark 8:23*

4. The Prison of Unforgiveness

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ~ Colossians 3:13

- Remember
- Receive
- Release
- Redress