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How To Overcome The Spirit Of Fear

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In these days of terror and fear it is wonderful to know that God has given us instruction from his Word on how to overcome the spirit of fear.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Further more:

There is no fear in love; but perfect *love casteth out fear:* because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (John 4:18)

So as believers and prophetic artists, we do not have to yield the spirit of fear and terror. Praise God!

When fear tried to grip the heart of Joshua, the Lord Jehovah told him:

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Joshua 1:9)

Fear is one of the main spirits that the enemy tries to use and make us yield to, in order to try to control us and make us doubt and disobey God. On the other hand faith in the Word gives us confidence and rest that what God has promised he will surely bring to pass.

For we which have believed do enter into rest. (Hebrews 4:3)

The Word also says that without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

I remember the day when I was going to play my first cello performance at the Concert hall in Gothenburg, Sweden.

I had practiced for months so that I would be able to play, by memory, a very difficult piece by Martinu.

The day before the performance I had a lesson with my then teacher, Guido Vecchi, which did not go very well. He changed all my fingerings and bowings and basically expected me to re-learn the entire piece in less than a day.

I went to the Lord in prayer about what to do. He told me to respectfully disregard the new instructions by my cello Professor, and just perform the piece the way I had practiced it.

As I made the decision to take the advice of the Holy Spirit, I felt that all fear left me and I had faith and peace that the Lord was with me.

The performance was very blessed by God, and my teacher did not see anything wrong with my playing but was very impressed with the performance.

Above all, I had learned to not yield to the spirit of fear but rather to yield to the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

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