Title: No fear

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No fear in love

1 John 4:18-19 ESV ¹⁸ "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with <u>punishment</u>, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

Who gives us fear?

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV ⁶ for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind

We must settle down with GOD

Psalm 91:1-7; 9-11; 14-16

¹ He who <u>dwells</u> in the <u>shelter</u> of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ³ For <u>he will deliver you</u> from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵ You <u>will not fear the terror of the night</u>, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but <u>it will not come near you</u>. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge-¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹⁴ "Because he holds fast to me in love, <u>I will deliver him</u>; I will <u>protect</u> him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; <u>I will be with him in trouble</u>; I will rescue him and honour him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Fear God not man

Psalm 27:1-3 ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arises against me, yet I will be confident. 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

God is with us

Psalm 23:1-3 ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.