

# PROMISE OBTAINERS GLORIFY GOD

## (part 2)

### “PROMISE OR FEAR”

#### HEBREWS 3:7-18

- <sup>7</sup> Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
- <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.
- <sup>10</sup> Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.
- <sup>11</sup> So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)
- <sup>12</sup> Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
- <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- <sup>14</sup> For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
- <sup>15</sup> While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.
- <sup>16</sup> For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.
- <sup>17</sup> But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?
- <sup>18</sup> And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

<sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

## **HEBREWS 4:1-16**

<sup>4</sup> Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

<sup>2</sup> For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

<sup>3</sup> For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

<sup>4</sup> For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

<sup>5</sup> And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

<sup>6</sup> Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

<sup>7</sup> Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

<sup>8</sup> For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

<sup>9</sup> There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

<sup>10</sup> For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

## **FEAR**

**Fear keeps us from obtaining Gods Promises.**

**Fear kept Israel from entering the Promised Land.**

**Fear will keep us separated from what God has promised us in His word.**

**Fear will cause us to cease moving forward , it will bring terror into our life and cause us to stop making progress in your life, or, even to turn back, or turn away.**

**There is a saying, “Fear can be like a small trickle that runs through your life, that eventually wears a channel so big and so wide so that all your thoughts run into it”.**

**We are Promise Obtainers if we deal with the fear or Promise Rejectors if we do not deal with our fear**

## **WE HAVE THE WORD, THE PROMISE OF GOD TO OVERCOME FEAR**

### **HEBREWS 4:9-16**

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<sup>10</sup> For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

<sup>13</sup> Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

## What do you fear?

The story of the 12 spies of Israel in Numbers 13 and 14, summarised in Deuteronomy chapter 1 from verse 19 best illustrates the work of fear.

Remember: Israel was freed from Egypt,  
Passing through the desert,  
On the threshold of the Promise, and,  
Sent spies to the Promised Land to check it out.

## The Fear Principles that dominated Israel are the same as can dominate us.

### 1. Fear disregards Gods Plan to 'Go Possess'.

Deuteronomy 1:19–21

“So we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as the LORD our God had commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. 20 And I said to you, ‘You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. 21 Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.’

Israel wouldn't go to possess because of fear.

Israel came to the place of inheritance and turned back.

Fear will keep you from entering God's plan for your life, His Promise to You.

Paul says in

2 Tim 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

God's plan is for us to live above fear and walk in the Power of His Love.

### 2. Fear distorts God's purposes

Deuteronomy 1:27–28

and you complained in your tents, and said, ‘Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our

hearts, saying, “The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”

Fear puts God’s promises out of perspective  
10 men alone distorted the picture for all of Israel!  
They said – it’s great, BUT, it’s filled with Giants – intimidators.  
They convinced all Israel that ‘God hated them’!

Fear breeds irrationality.  
Fear breeds distortion of the Word.  
Fear breeds distraction  
Fear breeds discouragement  
Your fear touches everybody you touch.

10 men with a fearful (evil) report determined the destiny of a whole nation for 40 years – in the desert.  
10 men brought a giant back with them, THE GIANT OF FEAR

### 3. **Fear disbelieves God’s Promises**

Deuteronomy 1:29–33

“Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. 30 The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32 Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God, 33 who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

For all God had done – they still disbelieved!  
Everything God had done for them had gone!

### 4. **Fear Disobeys God’s Promptings**

Deuteronomy 1:26

“Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;

They wouldn’t go up. They rebelled.  
Fear is disobedience.  
Throughout the Bible God uses this phrase:  
“FEAR NOT”  
When we know and don’t do it – it’s a sin.

**What is the Result of Fear?**

**Because they wouldn't believe God, God wasn't going to give them what He had promised them. The whole generation that didn't believe Him was prevented from getting the Promise.**

**Only Joshua & Caleb & the children went to the Promise Land.**

**Fear destroys everything that God has promised to give us.**

**To those that don't believe**

**Fear will lead to a wasted live**

**A life of 'could have been'**

**A meaningless journey**

**Our fear stops God doing what He wants to do to "Bless us"!**

## **5. What do we do with fear?**

**Confront your fear honestly, isolate it and confront it.**

### **1. Confess it as sin, IT IS SIN. God says to 'Fear Not'**

**Psalm 34:4**

**I sought the LORD, and He heard me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.**

### **2 Claim God's promises of Protection**

**Psalm 91:1**

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**Deuteronomy 31: 6**

**Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."**

**Psalm 27:1**

**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 118: 6**

The LORD *is* on my side;  
I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?

**Proverbs 3: 25 – 26**

Do not be afraid of sudden terror,  
Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;  
26 For the LORD will be your confidence,  
And will keep your foot from being caught.

**Proverbs 29: 25**

The fear of man brings a snare,  
But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

**Isaiah 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.'

**3 Cultivate Friendship with God.**

Remember

Abraham believed God and was counted 'God's friend' and got God's promises.

Remember

Joshua and Caleb

They came back with a different report to the other 10

10 saw the giants compared to self

2 saw the giants compared to God

**What was different with Joshua and Caleb?**

1. Deuteronomy 1: 36

except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the LORD.'

Because they wholly served God.

2. Numbers 14:24

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Had a different spirit, of faith not fear

3. Numbers 32:12

<sup>12</sup> Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

Wholly followed the Lord

## Note:

God was important to 2 people

God was unimportant to 10 people

## Faith Says:

We can do it

We can do all things through Christ

## Why: Because of who God is.

### 1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

## **What is the Opposite of Fear?**

**Answer: Love**

**2 Timothy 1: 7**

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

**God has given us His love**

**Nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

**God's love expels fear.**

**God is 'daddy'.**

**Romans 8: 14 – 16**

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

**Faith works by love. Get involved. Perfect love casts out all fear.**

**Yes – even the fear of death.**

**Hebrews 2: 14 – 15**

**Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those**

**who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

**“There is NO-UNKNOWN to God”**

**Nothing to fear...God is with us**

**CHRIST IS IN US**

**THE HOPE OF GLORY**