



Miracles that follow the plow :: "Spirit of fear" Rom 8:15

"Spirit of fear" Rom 8:15 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/4/24 11:20

My dear beloved brethren.

I am requesting prayers for my wife, Lisa.

The root issues(s) are being brought to the surface and the primary is one of fear and anxiety, of a nervousness, a "what if?"

She knows it is of the devil that it is being exaggerated. Pray for peace and assurance of Who she belongs to, for a stirring of the latent desire that is within her and a hunger for the Word again and for the Word made flesh, Jesus.

Pray for deliverance from this false evidence exalting itself against the knowledge of God.

Pray for anything that would apply.

I love her dearly.

Thanks

Mike

Re: "Spirit of fear" Rom 8:15 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/4/24 11:50

Quote:

-----Pray for deliverance from this false evidence exalting itself against the knowledge of God.

I will pray for your wife brother, believing that God is more than able to bring her into a place of peace and rest.

Re: "Spirit of fear" Rom 8:15 - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/4/24 12:14

Quote:

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Phillipians 4

6 Fret not about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Quote:

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James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Quote:

-----Pray for peace and assurance of Who she belongs to,

Romans 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

1 John 2:3

And hereby we know that we know Him: if we keep His commandments.

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Romans 8

38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Quote:

-----for a stirring of the latent desire that is within her and a hunger for the Word again and for the Word made flesh, Jesus.

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written: `Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"

Quote:

-----Pray for deliverance from this false evidence exalting itself against the knowledge of God.

Romans 1

20 For from the creation of the world the invisible things of Him are clearly seen, being understood through the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.
21 For when they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Quote:

-----Pray for anything that would apply.

1 John 5

14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.
15 And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

Praying,
-Keith

Re: Your dear wife Lisa - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/4/24 13:16

Father, we thank you so much for our dear brother Mike and pray for his dear wife Lisa. We pray that your words may take root in her heart so that she may become the daughter you envisioned before she came into this world.

We know that once we fully trust you that your purposes will prevail. Deliver her from this fear that she may love you with her whole heart.

Thank you Jesus...

Re: fear - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/4/24 17:06

Dear Mike, I feel for your wife. I have had many problems in the past with anxiety and panic attacks. This is when my strongholds were the strongest and I thought the devil was behind every bad thing.

Letting go of control is a very hard thing. I had no idea that I had a control issue until I realized that I didn't like not knowing and not controlling what would happen next. But when you start to surrender or "lay it on the table", this all comes to the surface.

I know it is very hard and I pray that she will press through by God's grace. I pray that the Lord's will will be done in her life.

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When I read Chip Brogden's "The Three Enemies", it helped me quite a bit put things in perspective about the devil. Before I read this I kept thinking that all my problems and trials and fears were the devil's attacks. When in reality it was me fighting my "self". My self was rising up and fighting against what the Lord was trying to do. Yes, the devil likes to use these things to make it worse- he knows where we are weak. But more than anything our fight is many times our "self"- our old nature.

It was such a relief to learn this because then I knew I wasn't under attacks from the devil all the time.

Quote:
-----The truth is that satan has no power except what he gains through Sin and Self, and when we see that we are seated with Christ in the heavenlies then we will overcome satan altogether. Satan's entire operation is based on deception and illusion. The fact is that all power in heaven and in earth is given to Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18). If satan had any intrinsic power at all he would not have to use such deception

~C.Brogden

I pray that the Lord will bring your lovely wife into the fullness of the knowledge of Christ- that He will give her the strength to press through and overcome.

Walking with Him, Chanin

(<http://www.watchman.net/articles/enemies.html>) Three Enemies

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/4/25 11:59

Dear saints,

Thank you all. I printed out all the replies for my wife (Lisa) and she so appreciates all your prayers. There is a lot of issues that make this somewhat of a mixed bag, (physical, hormones etc.) and the spiritual.

Chanin, bless you. You are touching on some of the areas without a doubt. I just read your reply to her and will print out a copy of the C.Brogden article you provided. This is really good.

Certainly the Lord is at work and I am ever so grateful for all your prayers.

Bless you all
Mike

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/4/26 2:12

Quote:
-----Dear Mike, I feel for your wife. I have had many problems in the past with anxiety and panic attacks. This is when my strongholds were the strongest and I thought the devil was behind every bad thing.

Chanin thank you for sharing this. I would like to confess to everyone that reads this that I have been having an intense struggle with anxiety and panic attacks for about 2 years now. It has been an up and down ride but slowly it has gone down hill. As you Chanin I have had a lot of mind games, thinking it's the devil directly tutoring me and I blamed myself and my sin much over it also. Slowly the Lord has been showing me some roots that I have to deal with but I am not over this struggle in my life. I can sympathize with your wife Mike more than you can know. My prayers are with her and I would even appreciate prayers for myself in this regard. That's probably one of the biggest reasons why I am doing this site and not out speaking in churches, is because of this struggle in my life. Everything I pray in my life is for the glory of God, even the Lord can use the worst of vessels for His glory. But I am not content or happy with my situation and sometimes how this anxiety and panic attacks really affect me in a bad way.

Re: Chanin and Greg - Thanks for sharing - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/4/26 21:11

Thanks to you both for being so transparent. Yes, it's liberating to be able to articulate your struggles to others.

As for me, I was considered "hopeless" (by some of my teachers) at the age of 5 and misdiagnosed as autistic. I subsequently developed depression as an adult, which resulted in lengthy treatment including a hospitalization in 1991. My therapist considered me hopeless and at times I wondered "why do I have to be this way?". I've often wondered that I'm rather unique and that used to bother me a lot.

Here's what I've learned. That when I trust Him totally, the sensitivity that comes to someone who can suffer depression, can help others who are suffering. When I'm focused on Jesus, I'm very sensitive to the needs of others but when I'm focused on myself I get confused and frustrated.

Because of this pain and those things I've suffered, I can relate to some people not considered "normal." The homeless, the helpless, the lame, the lonely I can understand the emptiness they face without Jesus. Then I thank God for this wonderful gift and I know no longer question why I am the way I am. (I'm not talking here about humanism because no man can match the love of God (we love Him because He first loved us), but allowing His love to flow through me to others.

That may sound a bit strange but I'm certain the Lord will give you wisdom as He you seek his face.

I also know that without Jesus I'm hopeless but with Him I can honestly say "By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3(b)). Brother we have a living hope (i.e. both a present and future hope) in Christ Jesus.

God bless you my friends.

Re: fear - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/4/27 7:34

This is part of the surrender series but addresses these issues of fear and the consequences. May our ears be open to hear and our hearts open to receive.

~Surrender-Promises That Counter Our Fears

Would you have Him make you free,
And follow at His call?
Would you know the peace
That comes by giving all?
Would you have Him save you
So that you can never fall?
Let Him have His way with thee.
~C.S. Nusbaum

In my last posting we talked about facing some of our fears in surrendering all to the Lord. I would like to share some of God's precious promises with you as we continue with this series from the "Surrender" book by Nancy DeMoss:

God wants us to experience provision, pleasure, protection, and personal relationships. But He wants us to seek them in the only place they can be found- in Him.

PROVISION: Scripture exhorts us to be content with what we have (Hebrews 13:5) and not to worry about how our future needs will be met (Matt. 6:25-34). The basis for contentment and freedom from anxiety is that God has promised to provide all that we need (though not necessarily all that we want) (Philip. 4:19). Based on His promise, when we have a need, rather than fretting, striving, or manipulating, we ought to simply and confidently ask Him to provide. (Matt. 7:7)

If we are unwilling to trust God in the matter of provision, we may be tyrannized by GREED, STEALING, CHEATING, LACK OF GENEROSITY, LYING, WORRYING, COVETING, OR CENTERING OUR LIVES AROUND MONEY.

PLEASURE: We cannot escape the fact that pain is unavoidable in this fallen world and that suffering is an instrument that God does use to mold and sanctify those He loves. But God also created us to experience intense pleasure and joy. The problem is that we are prone to seek pleasure in THINGS and PEOPLE that cannot ultimately satisfy the deep longing in our hearts. For our hearts can never truly be satisfied with less than HIM. The unsundered heart pursues after what are worthless pleasures, compared with the pure, infinite pleasures God wants to give us. (Psalm 16:11; 36:7-8)

Even fully surrendered saints sometimes experience sorrow, suffering, and struggles. But in the midst of our earthly journey, the joy Christ offers lifts us beyond our circumstances, and provides us with a breathtaking foretaste of heaven's eternal pleasures.

However, if we are unwilling to trust God with our happiness and well-being and we insist on the pursuit of temporal pleasures, we may become dominated by OVEREATING, GETTING DRUNK OR USING DRUGS, SEXUAL PROMISCUITY, ADULTERY, PORNOGRAPHY, OBSESSION WITH TELEVISION OR FILMS OR NOVELS, BEING IRRESPONSIBLE, OR LIVING BEYOND OUR MEANS.

PROTECTION: Our God is a refuge, a fortress, a shelter, and a strong deliverer to His children. Psalm 91 speaks of God's amazing protection: "...He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys midday."

God doesn't promise that we will never face danger, but those who take refuge in Him are placed under His protection. He assures us that He will defend us and keep us free from fear, no matter what comes our way.

However, if we do not entrust our safety to God, but demand human assurance of protection and security, we may be overwhelmed by FEARFULNESS, WORRY, MISTRUST OF PEOPLE, OBSESSION WITH WEAPONS, UNWILLINGNESS TO BE VULNERABLE, FEAR OF INTIMACY, TENDANCIES TOWARD VIOLENCE, HATRED, PREJUDICE, OR PARANOID-TYPE THOUGHTS.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS: It is true that God may lead us into solitude for a season. But His Word makes it clear that an intimate relationship with Him is the basis for the richest of human relationships (1 John 1:3,7). God Himself has promised to remain with us, to be our constant companion, wherever we go, whatever we do. "I will never leave you or forsake you," He has vowed (Hebrews 13:5).

In the Bible, whenever one of His children was fearful to step out alone, God's simple response was- I WILL BE WITH YOU. The implication was - I AM ENOUGH. IF YOU HAVE ME, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED. "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You." Psalm 73:25

If we do not value Him as our primary relationship, we will live in fear of losing human relationships and will set ourselves up to be tyrannized by such things as POSSESSIVENESS, GIVING OR TAKING ABUSE, ADULTRY, PROMISCUITY, GOSSIP, OBSESSIVE OR CONTROLLING RELATIONSHIPS, LUST, DISSATISFACTION, UNFORGIVENESS, BITTERNESS, MANIPULATION, DISHONESTY OR JEALOUSY.

Whatever your fears, whatever the unknowns or challenges in your life, God has promised to PROVIDE for you, to share His pleasure with you, to protect you, and to give you His enduring presence.

The fact remains that when we fully surrender, there are no guarantees about where God will lead us or how difficult our journey will be. Yet we know the character of the ONE in whom we've placed our trust. And we know that God's promise is more than offset any risks or dangers or challenges that He may allow into our lives.

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Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/4/27 9:28

Wow.

This is tremendous.

My dear brother Greg, know that you are beloved of the Lord and by us. I don't have adequate words only groanings in the spirit as prayers to the Lord for you. This too will pass. The Lord is ever so near to those that seek Him with an honest and open heart. I am so thankful that you shared this with us so we can intercede on your behalf. Even now He is using these things to edify the body, these struggles are never wasted.

The past couple of days have just been...so much to say, the Lord has shown me so much and I want to share it all, I have given it all to prayer and consideration until the proper time.

Ed,

What a brother we have here. We have been talking quite a bit and the Lord is working so mightily in your life, the things you have shared here as well as Chanin...Oh God, these are Your people! Thank you for gathering us here together...

My prayers are with you all

Mike

Re: fear and the consequences - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/4/27 9:42

Chanin,

Once again you have provided more helpful counsel.

Thank you, will be passing this along to my wife as well as taking it all to heart myself.

Re: - posted by truth_seeker, on: 2004/4/27 13:41

I clicked on this thread because God has been slowly teaching me about the fear in my life too. How strange it was to read that I'm not the only one! Something God has really been pouring into me is that fear is the opposite of faith. If we fear the things of this world, we cannot put all our faith in God, thus leading to a place where it's "impossible to please God" (without faith it is impossible to please God) And if we can't please God, then fear is binding us to a life of constant condemnation, guilt and dissatisfaction about where we are with God (in a negative sense). But, as I was reading the Bible one night, God showed me the verse in 1 Corinthians 12 (I believe) where Paul is talking about the different gifts given to the church by the same Spirit of God. And guess what one of those gifts is?? The gift of faith! Since then, I've been praying for the gift of faith so I can please God. And I know God will give it to me and to anyone else who asks because of the promise in Matthew of our Heavenly father knowing how to give good gifts to His children and that He gives to those who ask. This has helped me tremendously and I pray God burns it in all you too.

Stirring,

truth_seeker