

DOS Presents: Annual 2024 Passover Chat: Fear Without Amazement w/Shamarah Israel



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- Famine is imminent in Gaza
- The US is complicit in the starvation of the Palestinian people
- They are calling this the Man-Made Hunger Crisis
- Before the war, Israel was the greatest open prison, today it's the greatest open-air graveyard
- Israel has already begun a large-scale attack on Gaza
- Today, Israel has already killed 14 people and injured others

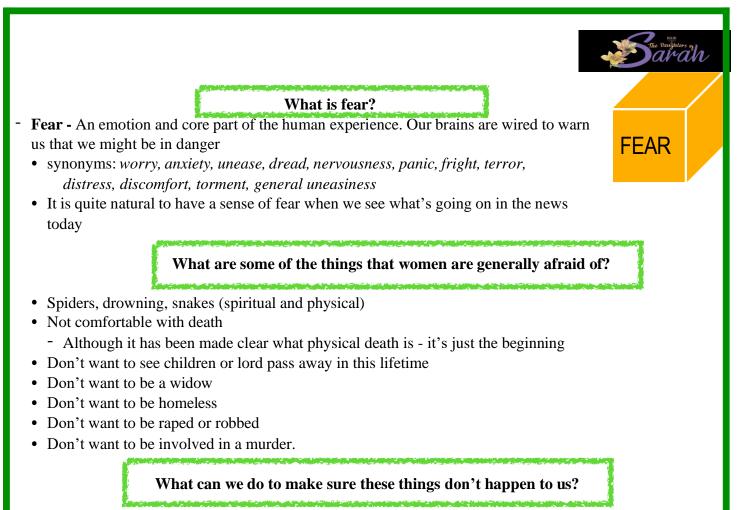
**Matthew 24:6-10 (KJV)** - And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

- This has begun!
- The questions to ask yourself this time of year when speaking to the heavenly father:

What are you working on? What do you need to work on?

What exactly do you need to do to overcome in areas that you are lacking?





- We need to make sure we are keeping the commandments and understand that He will fight for us!
- We must be aware and make sure that our children are aware
- PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEWS → NOT just the daily news (that puts us to sleep)
- Matthew 26:41 tells us to WATCH AND PRAY

# **CURRENT HAPPENINGS:**

- Right now, our enemies in our homeland are taking over territories in Israel
- Ishmael is taking the attack and showing such a strong face of faith and gratitude
- The Most High says that we are above all people (Deuteronomy 7:6) and the other nations are as spittle (2 Esdras 6:56)
  - We need to show some of the faith

<u>2 Esdras 16:70-73 (Apocrypha) -</u> For there shall be in every place, and in the next cities a great insurrection upon those that fear the Lord. 71-They shall be like mad men, sparing none, but still spoiling and destroying those that fear the Lord. 72- For they shall waste and take away their goods and cast them out of their houses. 73 - Then shall they be known who are my chosen, and they shall be tried, as the gold in the fire:

- Luke 17:32 Reminds us to REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE
  - Knowing that we can take nothing with us
  - Therefore, DON'T LOOK BACK
  - Take heed of the warning signs now

*Luke 21:20-24 (KJV)*- And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

• Desolation is now TODAY → Don't look back!

<u>**Romans 15:4 (KJV)**</u> - For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.



• The goal is to learn from the lessons that our forefather and foremothers left us

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• DO NOT SLEEP



**<u>2 Esdras 2:25-32 (Apocrypha)</u>** - Nourish thy children, O thou good nurse, establish their feet. 26 - As for the servants whom I have given thee, there shall not one of them perish; for I will require them from among thy number. 27 Be not weary, for when the day of trouble and heaviness cometh, others shall weep and be sorrowful, but thou shalt be merry, and have abundance. 28 The heathen shall envy thee, but they shall be able to do nothing against thee, saith the Lord. 29 My hands shall cover thee, so that thy children shall not see hell. 30 Be joyful, O thou mother, with thy children, for I will deliver thee, saith the Lord. 31 Remember thy children that sleep, for I shall bring them out of the sides of the earth and shew mercy unto them: for I am merciful, saith the Lord Almighty.

• We need to prepare our children



• The scripture (Romans 15:4) tells us that what was written for our learning that **through patience** we might have HOPE.

What is patience?

- WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THIS
- **Patience** a suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation, or other evil, with unruffled temperament, enduring without murmuring or fretfulness; the art or quality of waiting long for justice or unexpected, good without discontent.
  - We are waiting for this judgement against the other nations
  - The Most High is letting us watch the destruction and genocide of the nation of Ishmael
    - Don't think for a minute that this will not happen to us, because it's coming!
- Patience is also the quality of bearing offenses and injuries without anger or revenge
  We want revenge but we must pray and have patience

<u>Romans 12:10-12 (KJV)</u> - Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Luke 21:19 (KJV) - In your patience possess ye your souls.

- We need to continue working on patience

3 Types of Fear

- Rational (real eminent threat)
- Primal (innate fear)
- Irrational fears (those that make no logical sense and vary from person to person)

When we experience fear, our brains make quick decisions about what to do next.

• the goal is to keep us safe with minimal harm

What are some of the responses to fear and trauma?

# 1. Fight and fight like hell!

- The brain is trying to defeat the physical or verbal attack often accompanied by fear and anger
- We need to be able to fight physical and verbal attacks against the Israelites
- 2. Flight (RUN)
  - If we feel we are unable to successfully fight off danger, our brain may try to escape

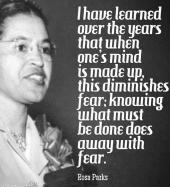
- 3. Freeze
  - You can try to be still until the danger passes
  - Some people are unable to speak until the anxiety passes
  - Fear shuts down the body's ability to move
    - There will be times in the face of the enemy that we will freeze, but we better snap out of it

### 4. Fawn

- This happens when the brain decides to please whoever is triggering the fear to prevent them from causing harm or avoid being hurt
  - *Jeremiah 2:33 (KJV)* Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? Therefore, hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.
    - We are not to trim our ways to seek love from the enemy
  - <u>2 *Timothy* 1:7 (*KJV*) -</u> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
    - Use your mind
    - We know what needs to be done We Must Keep the Commandments

Fear happens, but we must overcome fear with FAITH!

- <u>*Psalms 23:4 (KJV)*</u> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
  - We must be comforted by the scripture
- <u>*Romans 2:21 (KJV)*</u> Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?
- This is a learning curve
- Articled referenced: How to Move Through Your Fear by Michael Robbins Dated: 6/2/2023
- 1. Admit it
  - Acknowledge your fear
  - Tell the truth about it so you can better deal with it
- 2. Own It
  - Take responsibility for your actions
  - Do not deflect or project
- 3. Feel It
  - Go through the emotions and allow it to pass
- 4. Express It
  - To move through your fear, you must let it out. Speak, write, emote, move your body, yell, visualize, or do whatever you feel is necessary for you to do to express your fear.
  - (Philippians 4:8 Think upon these things...
- 5. Let It Go
  - It is a conscious and deliberate choice
  - Work through it to declare and decide how to use it in a positive way
- 6. Visualize the positive outcomes you desire
  - Think about, speak out loud, write down, or even close your eyes and visualize how you want things to be, and, more important, how you want to feel.



"Own your fear, don't let it own you!"





- Visualize yourself with servants and slaves



- Psalms 149:6-9 (KJV) – Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

## 7. Take Action

- Be willing to take bold and courageous actions, even if you're still feeling nervous.
- This builds confidence
- STOP BEING BASHFUL
- <u>Ecclesiasticus 20:22-23 (Apocrypha)</u> There is that destroyeth his own soul through bashfulness, and by accepting of persons overthroweth himself. 23 There is that for bashfulness promiseth to his friend, and maketh him his enemy for nothing.
  - Remember to SPA (Study Pray Apply)
  - Our faith must be greater than our fear
  - Antonyms of fear: confidence, courage, boldness, assurance
  - Do what the Lord has called each of you to do!

We must begin to hold each other accountable and not be afraid to correct one another as women!

<u>Hebrews 11:1-3 (KJV)</u> - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- Acronyms for FEAR
  - Face Everything and Rise
  - False Emotions Appearing Real

War in Gaza News Headlines:

- 11/23/23 CNBC quotes: '<u>Survival feels uncertain': Palestinians in Gaza describe desperation under Israeli</u> <u>bombardment; The Israel Defense Forces say they warn civilians to leave ahead of bombings, and that they target</u> <u>areas based on where Hamas positions are located.</u>"
- 12/7/23 PBS quotes: '*The United Nations say there are no safe places in Gaza. Israel has ordered the evacuations of dozens of neighborhoods; "We live in fear at every moment for our children, ourselves, and our families.*"
- 12/30/23 NBC News quotes: <u>"Ground operations have leveled entire neighborhoods and plunged over an</u> estimated 1.5 million into hunger and starvation according to the World Health Organization.
- 1/20/24 BBC News quotes: <u>Palestinians tell of fears of the future, the destiny of Gaza</u>. <u>A father of two</u> <u>children displaced from Gaza City, told the BBC</u>: "I lost my home, my shop and my source of income. I am <u>no longer able to provide the simplest requirements of life for my children.</u>
- 3/4/24 Al Jazeera quotes: <u>*Released Palestinians prisoners say they don't feel free.*</u>

Payback Is Coming - Time Is Up!

<u>Romans 12:19 (KJV)</u> - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.



<u>Hebrews 10:30-31 (KJV)</u> - For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Passover is coming!

- The same way God punished the Egyptians, he will do the same this day to Amaleck
- It will bring us joy to see them bow down to us.
- This is the time to make sure that your children understand the 10 plagues because everything repeats itself.

<u>Exodus 7:3-5 (KJV) -</u> 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

- It is not possible to escape the hand of the lord

<u>Wisdom of Solomon 16:15-16 (Apocrypha)</u> - But it is not possible to escape thine hand. 16 For the ungodly that denied to know thee, were sourged by the strength of thine arm; with strange rains, hails, and showers, were they persecuted, that they could not avoid, and through fire were they consumed.

- The lord is going to fight for us

**Exodus 18:19 (KJV)** - Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

- Our enemies think they got the upper hand but they don't so FEAR NOT
- They think everything is going to go their way
- The Most High is here waking up the men

<u>**Revelation 11:11 (KJV)**</u> And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

- When you see your husband, brother, father, or son know that they are a living testament that He is using the men
- Just like the Lord delivered us before, he will deliver us again.

**Exodus 11:7 (KJV)** - But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

- We have nothing to be afraid of
- This is a reminder that our God will continue to fight for us just like he sent Moses and Aaron He has sent back his

prophets in this time

<u>2 Esdras 1:39-40 (Apocrypha)</u> - Unto whom I will give for leaders, Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, Oseas, Amos, and Micheas, Ioel, Abdias, and Ionas, Nahum, and Abacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zacharie, and Malachie, which is called also an Angel of the Lord.
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- We will be delivered if we endure unto the end

*Jeremiah 23:7-8 (KJV)* – Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

- Change is coming
- Relief is coming
- Vengeance is coming —> God is a man of war (Exodus 15:3)
  - We should fear the Lord
  - We should be afraid of what's to come
  - The Lord wants us to be up and personal and to know, hear, see, and smell war.
  - Ecclesiasticus 43:29 -



#### - The Lord is TERRIBLE

<u>Godly fear</u> - having a deep respect, admiration for God's power and authority and it impacts the way we live and act.

- It is a moral obligation

<u>Deuteronomy 10:12 (KJV)</u> - And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

*Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)* - Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

- The Lord wants us to be prepared for the battle

<u>Nehemiah 1:4-9</u> – And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers. 5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the son o Shedeur. 6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the sone of Zurishaddai. 7 Of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar. 9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

- We often take prayer for granted
- Part of the plan is that we must have the armor of God
  - Ephesians 6:11-18 (KJV) Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
    - This is our spiritual dress code
    - Loins of truth = Psalms 119:142
    - Breastplate of righteousness = 1 Peter 3:14-17
      - When we keep the breastplate of righteousness, we don't have to be afraid when people speak evil of us
    - Feet = Ephesians 2:8-9
    - Shield of faith
    - Helmet of salvation
    - Sword of the Spirit = Psalms 37:39

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)* - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

<u>Psalms 37:39 (KJV)</u> - But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

"Fear is not real. The only place it can exist is in our thoughts of the future. It is a product of our imagination causing us to fear things that do not at present and may not exist, that is near insanity. Do not misunderstand me, danger is very real but fear is a choice."

~ After Earth (Movie)



There are righteous women that made a choice to fear the lord

**Proverbs 31:30 (KJV)** - Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Women Who Feared the Lord and Made a Choice:

#### - Shiphrah & Puah

- What was the plan? What did it look like, smell like, obstacles, feel like?
- **Exodus 1:15-21(KJV)** And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
- Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.
  - 1. What was the plan?
    - They decided that no matter what the Pharaoh says, we will fear the Lord
- 2. What did it look like?
  - They were probably harassed, stared at, blood in the street
  - A wonderful lesson that if we feared the Lord, he would fight for us

#### - Judith

#### Judith 13:3-20 (Apocrypha)

- 2. What was the plan?
  - The plan was to look & smell good, drink a little bit, get the job done, don't ask any questions
  - This was a lesson in being consistent,
  - Making sure you pray giving honor to the Lord in every action
  - Representing for your nation
  - Even though you are afraid, doing it scared
- 3. What did it look like, smell like, obstacles, feel like?
  - This was about representing your nation, having fear.
  - This is a woman who feared God,
  - She was blessed above all the women on the earth
- 4. Can you imagine the obstacles
  - I'm sure she was afraid
  - Did she run?
  - What was she wearing? Did her and her handmaid discuss these things
  - This is a woman who was known because of her beauty
- Judith was a woman who feared The Most High and she was blessed above all the women
- Judith risked her life for her nation
- Esther
  - <u>Esther 14:1-4 (KJV), 11-14 (Apocrypha)</u>
    - Remember this is for us to consider in the time to come
    - Do you have a plan?



#### - Esther 15:1-15 (Apocrypha)

- Esther was terrified, she didn't know if she would make it through the door
- Sometimes you have to do it scared, YOU HAVE TO TAKE ACTION
- As in the aforementioned article, these women had to go through those steps
- 1. What was the plan?
  - She had to tell the king about the plot Haman had to kill the Jews
  - It was the Lord who put it on the king to have compassion and not kill her as it was commanded
  - She was a woman who feared God and not man
  - She also was representing for her nation
  - Even though she was afraid, she did it scared
- 2. What did it look like, smell like, obstacles, feel like?
  - This was a great example of righteous femininity
  - It explains the things we can do with the Lord backing us
  - She looked beautiful before the king
  - Her countenance was as such that King Holofernes

# - Mother of 7 sons

<u>2 Maccabees 7:20-23 (Apocrypha)</u> - 20But the mother was marvellous above all, and worthy of honourable memory: for when she saw her seven sons slain within the space of one day, she bare it with a good courage, because of the hope that she had in the Lord. 21 Yea, she exhorted every one of them in her own language, filled with courageous spirits; and stirring up her womanish thoughts with a manly stomach, she said unto them, 22 I cannot tell how ye came into my womb: for I neither gave you breath nor life, neither was it I that formed the members of every one of you; 23But doubtless the Creator of the world, who formed the generation of man, and found out the beginning of all things, will also of his own mercy give you breath and life again, as ye now regard not your own selves for his laws' sake.

- These are examples of us "NOT TO FEAR"
- *The quote from the movie After Earth* "Do not misunderstand me, Danger Is very Real, but fear is a choice."
- *1. What was the plan?* 
  - Her sons were being executed for refusing to eat swine flesh and going against the king's commandment
  - She was a woman who feared God and not man
- 2. She also was representing for her nation hat did it look like, smell like, exhortation, lesson?
  - She DID NOT show any fear. "she had a manly stomach"
  - It had to be difficult to see your sons being put to death in the worst ways
- <u>Ephesians 6:1-2 (KJV)</u> Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
- <u>Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)</u> Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
  - This was a reminder for us to raise our children and exhort them in the commandments of the Lord
  - In the history of the mother with the 7 sons, it's a wonderful example of a mother raising godly sons and

training up in the commandments & a mother's love for her children with the fear of God



# Non-physical characteristics of these two examples

### They were obedient

- James 1:22-25 (KJV) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23
   For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
  - These were women of action without excuses
  - They were about getting the job done for their nation
  - They feared God above all things

### 2. They were feminine

- <u>Esther 5:2 (KJV)</u> And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favor in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.
  - The king was willing to give her half his kingdom
  - You don't get that by being nasty or having a nasty attitude you get that by being feminine

### 3. They were kind

- <u>1 Corinthians 13:4(KJV)</u> Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
  - Ask yourself: "Am I kind?"
- *Ephesians 4:31-32 (KJV)* Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
  - They had a reputation of being kind
  - They were loved by their nation

# 4. They were loving

- <u>Mark 12:29-31 (KJV)</u> And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
  - They loved their neighbor
  - They loved their nation
- 5. They were known for wisdom and grace; They were respectful to those in authority
  - <u>*Hebrews 2:7 (KJV)*</u> Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.



- We want to make sure that we remember to be respectful to those in authority
- Just like Esther, Judith, Deborah, they were respectful to those in authority
- <u>**1** Peter 2:17 (KJV)</u> Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king
  - They understood the mission
  - They understood respect and known for wisdom and grace
- <u>Ephesians 6:5-7 (KJV)</u> Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

"Courage does not mean we are never afraid. Courage is simply taking action despite our fear" ... So — Do It Scared!

Our righteous foremothers did it, they had a plan!

# "If you cannot beat fear — DO IT SCARED!"

- No matter what ... Keep the commandments til death!
- <u>Matthew 10:28-31 (KJV)</u> And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 *Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.* This scripture emphasizes the point of NOT BEING AFRAID of Man, or fearing death
- <u>Ecclesiasticus 42:1-2 (Apocrypha)</u> Of these things be not thou ashamed, and accept no person to sin thereby. 2 Of the Law of the most High, and his Covenant, and of judgement to justify the ungodly:
  - We need to remember that every time Israel's back was against the wall, God came thru
  - The Most High came thru for all of us in sickness, death, and health
  - He sent help, his prophets, protection, and victory (in the time of old and in these times as well)
  - <u>*Psalms 3:8 (KJV)*</u> Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

# **REMINDER:**

- Some of you are married to these righteous prophets that The Most High has brought back who face death every day, just like *Anna and Sarah*.

- You may be a widow now or are a widow that the saints have sealed, just like Judith
- You are the daughters or nieces of these men, just like *Esther*
- You are the mothers of these men, just like Hannah and the Mother with the Seven Sons
- But WE are ALL family in Christ and FAITH can overcome FEAR

- <u>Ecclesiasticus 2:7-11 (Apocrypha)</u> - Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, and go not aside, lest ye fall. 8 Ye that fear the Lord, believe him, and your reward shall not fail. 9Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy. 10 Look at the generations of old, and see, did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, & was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise, that called upon him? 11For the Lord is full of compassion, and mercy, long suffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction.

- The time of affliction is here



- Wisdom of Solomon 3:1- (Apocrypha) But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. 2 In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, 3 And their going from vs to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. 4 For though they be punished in the sight of men: yet is their hope full of immortality. 5 And having bene a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them and found them worthy for himself. 6 As gold in the furnace hath he tried them and received them as a burnt offering.
- *Ephesians 6:23-24 (KJV)* Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.