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PREFACE

When man lost the divine provisions in the garden of Eden to disobedience, fear crept into his life and has been his torment since then. The devil has used the instrumentality of fear to keep man under his control; terrorize, incapacitate and blindfold him to God's redemptive provisions which is to restore man's loss. The heaven's resources will be of no value to man as long as he can be chained down by this ungodly fear.

This book sets out to remove the covering of the devil's deceit and manipulation through fear, and free children of God to enjoy all God has in stock for us. Free to display all divine potentials in us and enjoy divine benefits freely given to us.

One of great impairments brought to man through his fall is that he is rendered sensual and carnal, making his sense organs available for Satan to deliver his message of fear. A new transformation is brought to man through the new birth (salvation) that tunes his senses in line with God, by His Spirit, and word and awakens our spirits to God.

The new experience by His Spirit and word is to create a new form or brand of 'fear' in us; loving, trusting, reverence fear of God that holds His word as supreme and final authority on every issue of life and godliness.

This book, Dynamics of Fear, is sent as a divine instrument to the nations to bring healing and health to the body of Christ from the destruction caused by the devil's type of fear in Jesus Christ name.

Dr Akintunde Akintayo

INTRODUCTION

It is both timely and expedient for this work to be made available in this age and time for humanity. This is ironically a time when news of suicide has become a daily occurrence; divorce rate is high and low self-esteem is common amongst others in spite of the so many advancements in psychology, medical science and technology.

This book, when properly comprehended without bias will serve as a great tool for psychologists who are helping the teaming victims of psychological breakdown in today's world.

I urge the reader to follow with a keen mind and a heart that is willing to discover and adhere to the truth that can set free.

For Christians worldwide, this is a must read because like many others in the world, fear has always been Satan's subtle weapon that has kept us away from the main assignment we were called out to do. One of my heroes of the faith, Dr. David Livingstone, was able to live above fear and this empowered him to go where many will not, in a time and generation as his.

For years I could not take a bold step to start the work I was created and called to do due to fear. I questioned where will my next rent will come from? My next wears? My next meal? Unnecessary fears they all were. But glory be to God Almighty our heavenly father who patiently follows after us and does not give up on us.

Satan and his cohorts are subtly overpowering and destroying us through many forms of fear, it is time to talk about it and get out of it completely.

Get set to discover truths revealed by the Holy Spirit to set free from all fears and be free indeed. John 8:32.

As you read on, several prayer points are made available to help readers to connect in conversation with God concerning this matter and to also resist the enemy vehemently. Please do pause and pray these prayers before reading on. Pray like a combatant.

Hear this encouragement from the Lord John 16:33 (NIV)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

SHALOM.

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Fear runs virtually all our lives every day, but we hardly wait to know and deal with it for what it is. Learn how now.

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all who have been held back from being what they were created to be due to so much noise clouding their hearts and minds. It's time for manifestations.

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CHAPTER 1

FEAR AND ITS SOURCES

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

Verse1.

When peace like a river

Attendeth my way,

When sorrows like seas billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to know,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus.

It is well, ... with my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio Gates Spafford, a successful lawyer and businessman in Chicago married Anna and was blessed with five children. Their young son died of pneumonia in 1871, and in that same year, much of their business was

lost to the great Chicago fire. Yet, God mercifully allowed the business to flourish again.

November 21, 1873 Mr. Spafford sent his wife and their four daughters to cross to Europe via the French ocean liner, Ville du Havre across the Atlantic, ahead of him due to some business problems he was to stay back in Chicago to resolve. He planned on joining them later.

Four days into crossing the Atlantic, the Ville du Harve collided with another larger ship and the Ville du Harve sank into the Atlantic carrying with it 226 of the 313 passengers on board including the four Spafford daughters.

Anna, floating, unconscious on a piece of the wreckage was spotted by a sailor rowing a small boat over the spot of the sinking and was rescued.

Nine days later, they landed in Cardiff, Wales, having being picked up by another larger vessel after the accident. From there she wired her husband a message which read: "Saved Alone, What Shall I Do?"

As he got the message, Mr. Spafford booked passage on the next available ship and left to join his grieving wife. Four days into the journey, the captain called Spafford to

his cabin and told him they were over the place where his children went down.

According to Bertha Spafford Vester, a daughter born after the tragedy, Spafford wrote the prose: "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL" while on this journey.

The prose was later composed into a hymn by hymn composer Philip Paul Bliss.

(<https://www.staugustine.com/living/religion/2014-10-16/story-behind-song-it-well-my-soul>)

Those words were from a bereaved heart but certainly not from a fearful one. Those words came out of a life that lost very precious things, but not from a life that has lost faith or boldness in the God of salvation.

Fear works to make us ask the wrong questions and react wrongly. These, Horatio never gave in to.

Horatio Spafford may be long dead, yet not forgotten anytime this hymn is sung. That is what victory over fear does. Men still live long after they are gone when they overcome fear.

Someone said; “Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the state of calm and confidence in the midst of trouble.”

“Fear”, I say, “is that state of chaos, and dismay in spite of any condition or situation around”

When we say DYNAMICS, it is;

“the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation.”

While FEAR on the other hand is defined as;

“The bad feeling that you have when you are in danger, that something bad might happen, or when a particular thing frightens you.”

Those who have experienced fear understand that feeling. It comes upon you, and the feeling goes on to make you behave in a particular way. What is really behind that feeling?

We will know later.

So, “Dynamics of Fear is Actually The Way The Feelings That Fear Gives Makes You Behave, And React To The Corresponding Issues or Situations.”

Those feelings birth the workings of fear.

Example.

If all of a sudden the fear of being hit by a vehicle when crossing the road at a particular spot comes upon you while you walked along the road, the feeling certainly could make you behave or react in a particular way as regards that spot on the road; either you do not cross at all or you will change the spot, to cross the road from another side.

Fear is really powerful, or better put, deadly. The reason is that its feelings causes those under its influence to behave or react in particular manners. Little wonder Satan rules his kingdom using fear.

Take a study on fearful people and you will discover a resemblance of patterns in their ways of approach to things or situations.

Let us see the very first response to fear in humanity. It happened to the man called Adam and his wife, Eve.

Genesis 3:8 – 12

Let us see the pattern of behavior and the reactions of Adam when fear brought that feeling on him.

1. He fled - ran away - from seeing God.
2. He hid himself among some things.
3. He kept himself where God - no one - will see him.

I Samuel 10:21 – 23

I Kings 19:2 - 4

From this scriptures, you will notice familiar patterns in the behavior of those under the influence of fear.

Fleeing.

Hiding among things

Keeping ourself from being seen. (Running away

From possible solutions and helps)

Throughout the bible, when you check several scriptures, similar patterns are repeated. A good example is found in I Samuel 13:6

Whenever the thought of hiding away by reason of this negative feelings comes to anyone, know certainly that fear is at work.

This response of hiding away is the reason why a husband closes from work and refuses to go home until he is certain that his wife is asleep. Why?

There is a feeling of fear he gets by the presence of his wife. This can be vice-versa, including children and parents.

It is the same feeling that makes a man scared of coming in contact with old successful acquaintances etc. Some prefer to hide away since they feel they are not good enough in their own eyes as compared to the achievements of others.

Fear is so dangerous because of what it does to those under its influence.

It motivates one to do things that are wrong just to please others.

“Hides” one from trying again.

“Hides” one from asking for forgiveness.

“Hides” one from admitting wrong or error, or sin.

“Hides” from starting that idea or vision.

“Hides” from telling your own side of the story.

“Hides” from standing out and to publicly declare your faith in Jesus Christ.

“Hides” from breaking away from that system or habit.

Worst of all, it “hides” one among ideologies, philosophies and wisdoms that your heart or conscience tells you cannot be true.

Such could be responsible for the belief in what we find today as the evolutionary theory which is totally senseless.

Fear is quite dangerous.

One danger of fear is that it transcends the time or season or age of those it grabs with its influence.

The human race got to this point because Adam and Eve, Adam especially, was afraid to admit his wrong, and

afraid to come out to meet God who came in search of him. Humanity has not stopped being afraid since then.

Thank God for people like Winston Churchill, Martin Luther the reformer and Martin Luther King Junior who trampled fear underfoot. These men, in their days charged against fear to stop it from its sources – Nazi tyranny, the clutches of heresies that ruled the church, and racism. You and I must not tremble before fear, but be reminded that; “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of sound mind.”

We must hate fear with perfect hatred. Every satanic terrifying and limiting fear must be quenched completely.

I would love to leave this important point with you;

As bad as fear is, you must know that fear has two sides or sources:

SOURCES OF FEAR

1. The first source of fear is God. This is what is called the fear of God.

Examples:

Genesis 20:11, 22:12, 42:18

Exodus 1:17, Job 28:28

Proverbs 3:7 says;

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.”

This is the only kind of fear that is valuable to all humans on the planet; the fear of God. We will treat it in details later in chapter 7.

Please take note of this very important point, God allows this fear in man for a good purpose. That we all may look out for one another and seek each other's good.

Isaiah 59:19, 57:11

Satan, as usual is a corrupter. By manipulations and lies he corrupts this positive fear to use it for his own benefit. This brings us to the second source of fear.

2. This second source is of the devil. This is the fear that stops a man from carrying out good things to better his life and those of others around him. This is the fear that cripples a man making him a nonentity.

A perfect example of one who overcame this kind of fear is Nick Vujicic, the Australian Christian Evangelist. Though without limbs, his life is a greater success story than many with limbs. Why?

Nick does not have room for Satan's fear, and so he is not crippled or limbless within.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

There Cannot Be Two Lords Controlling A Particular Life.
Just as No Two Drivers Can Both Be on the Driver's Seat
at The Same Time in a Car.

Refusal of One Source of Fear Means Acceptance of the
Other Source.

HOW THEN DOES FEAR BEGIN?

Let us take some case studies to analyze this.

1.

Genesis 3:6-10

He and his wife had just done something and that action gave them a knowing, but it was not the right knowing they should have had.

a. Genesis 3:7

A New Sense

Their eyes were opened.

This means they began to analyze things from a different angle or perspective than how they used to in the past.

This also meant they were now predisposed to a new sense. A sense that was not permitted to do anything before. Some people will tell you they just discovered that they are this or that and not what they actually are. That is fear at work. Example; “I just discovered I’m gay.” Rubbish. That is fear my friend, deal with it.

b. A Definition of Self

Verse 7 “..., and they knew that they were naked;...”

A new knowledge dawned on them. What was this knowledge?

They saw themselves in another light. They began to give a new definition to themselves contrary to what God gave them.

See this scenario;

Numbers 13:17-33

Ten out of the twelve spies had, or began to believe a new knowledge about themselves which they sold out to the people. In that knowledge, they gave a new definition of their nature and being. They said they were like grasshoppers.

Whenever you see a man beginning to give a new definition – negative – about himself, know for sure that fear has set in.

See this case also in Exodus 3:10 – 4:13

This same Moses who in Exodus 2:11-14 believed to be a prince and judge as well as a savior for Israel suddenly began to confess to God a new identity or definition. This definition came out of fear after forty years of what seemed like failure in the desert. His definitions include:

(Exodus 3:11) I am a no-body, “...who am I “

(Exodus 4:10) I am a stutterer; I stammer.

The same thing that fear did to Moses was what it did to Adam. It does same to anyone under its grip.

Adam and Eve gave in to the fear that kept them in that new state – or new self-realization – and it did them no good.

Hear this, many books and new age teachers talk of self-realization. This goes on to paint a totally different you to you, giving you new definitions about yourself that do you no good, but only cause you sorrow.

c. LIMITED BY LACK

In defining themselves from a different angle, they gave concrete reasons why they were not fit for any good thing anymore.

“... I was afraid because I was naked;...” (Gen 3:10)

To be naked means ;

I do not have the right clothes for this.

I do not possess the right talents to be part of this.

I do not have the resources for this goal.

My age is against me, I am past the age.

I do not have the faith to receive this from God.

I am not eloquent enough for that.

Fear creeps in, silently reminding you of everything you lack, telling you not to make another attempt.

What Adam said could mean;

“I do not have what it takes to meet with you Lord”

When in actual sense, God had seen what he and Eve had done, and had decided to come to them, despite what they had or had not, to meet Him –God.

God saw that they really lacked some things, but that was inconsequential if only they had not lost the right definition of who they are, as God had told them. If only they had not redefined themselves in the name of self-realization.

d. **SPIRITUAL NAKEDNESS**

Another way that fear creeps in is through a state of spiritual nakedness. How?

Genesis 3:7, 10

Let me ask a question,

If in this time or age of civilization, leaves were used for clothes or covering, would one then be correct to say I was naked if he/she had some leaves as covering?

Well, answer.

A “No” will be the right answer I believe.

In verse 7, Adam and his wife sewed leaves together to cover their nakedness, yet in verse 10 he said unto God that he was naked.

That is a state of spiritual nakedness, confusion. A response that sounds something like:

“It’s either this or that, well, I don’t know, any will do.”
This sounds like what was going on in Adam’s mind.

The same thought that goes on in a spiritually naked mind.

Spiritual nakedness in any mind proves the presence of fear in such a life.

This nakedness accounts for why they hid and would not come out. They hid among the trees. Just like the ten spies that went to spy out Canaan with Joshua and Caleb. These ten hid among the congregation to make sure they do not go for war.

Saul the son of Kish hid among the equipment in

I Samuel 10:21 – 23. Spiritual nakedness does this. It gives a sense of constant danger, so people keep hiding. Hiding in cultism or the occult, witchcraft, drugs etc.

Where Are You Hiding?

In the office?

On social media?

In the park?

In your father's house?

In excuses?

In addictions (Pornography, drugs etc)

Or video games?

2.

Now, above all these, fear really creeps in as it did in Adam and Eve's case when our eyes and attention is taken off God to some other things.

Adam and Eve took their eyes away from God and gave it to the serpent and their eyes began to see wrongly,

their awareness began to change to a another one, they then defined themselves based on so called self-realization; this was what turned mankind into a confused entity who started hiding from things, in the midst of things. Out of fear.

Out fear of an afterlife, many have hidden in some things and have consistently given their eyes to those things in a false hope that those things will save them from the realities of afterlife. It is time to arise and ignore what anyone is saying that is contrary to the truth. Get your eyes off them and fix it where it should be. What you focus your eyes on determines your fears.

King Saul was one man that walked in fear right from the beginning and he never dealt with it until fear destroyed him. Fear destroyed King Saul and all his sons.

Fear does not just kill its host, if care is not taken, fear goes on to kill even descendants of the host.

Adam and Eve permitted it and humanity faces its dire consequences till today. Thank God for Jesus Christ.

In I Samuel 10:1, 9 – 11, we read of Saul's encounter with God, but then in I Samuel 10:20 -24, see the same Saul who had just encountered God in magnificent ways.

Saul hid because he did not see a king in himself; he saw in himself an ordinary farmer, and a lost donkey tracker. That is all that his life amounts to in his own sight.

Saul quickly took his eyes away from God and was almost replaced from the very moment he was selected for coronation, had God not mercifully intervened. Yet he continued in the fear that later took his eyes off God; when in I Samuel 13:8 – 12, out of fear he offered up burnt offerings that he was not authorized to.

Also in I Samuel 15:24, Saul, out of fear obeyed the people and ignored God. That was the final straw that broke the camel's back for king Saul. God had had enough of his fears and the fact that he was not doing anything about it.

Fear kept crippling Saul by sowing pride, bitterness, hatred, foolishness and idolatry in him before killing him along with all his sons.

Fear is no small business, it is a world of big evil when it comes from the wrong source (Satan).

The ten spies also took their eyes off God in Numbers 13 and at the end of the day, God wiped them out along with a good number of the Israelites.

Numbers 14:10 – 24, 28 – 29, 35 – 37.

See Numbers 14:11.

They took their eyes away from God and they did not recall to heart what God did in the past.

Consider Ruth the Moabite in Ruth 1:15 – 17.

Ruth must have seen God do marvelous things during those years she was still with her husband; Naomi's son, before his death. She must have heard a lot of the marvelous acts of God from the Israelite family into which she was married.

And so, when time came for Ruth to decide, she said she will not take her eyes off God, she held on to God – Yaweh Israel – while Orpah took her eyes off after a little persuasion.

SO, IN ACTUAL SENSE, FEAR STARTS WITH TAKING OUR EYES AWAY FROM GOD.

“See everything in life, and fear sets in, but see only God, and fear trembles out.”

See Peter in Matthew 14:28-30.

The moment anything tries buying your attention from God, know for certain that that thing is a fear trap to knock you out.

This is really so because putting your eyes on God gives you the fear of God, but taking your eyes away from Him puts you in jeopardy of the fear of this evil world's dark prince, Satan, the one in charge of the world's system.

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Ephesians 2:1 – 2.

So, if you do not want God's fear, Satan's fear is the only remaining option, no sitting on the fence at all in life.

CHAPTER 2

POSSIBILITIES WHEN FEAR BEGINS

Back to our text of Genesis 3:8-12, we want to consider verses 8,9,10, and 11 in detail.

In the concluding parts of chapter one, we saw that when we take our eyes, attention or focus away from God to other things, fear inevitably sets in. In this chapter it will interest you to know of some very brief possibilities – good ones – when fear is in the egg stage, that is, starting stages.

In verses 8 to 11 of Genesis chapter 3, some events took place that we will like the Holy Spirit to bring to our hearts. This, will help us understand the will of God, and keep us as “more than conquerors” just as God made us to be.

VERSE 8

In the early stage of fear, God does not cease to make His ways visible as He tries to reclaim the attention of the fearful.

What a loving and powerful heavenly father He is.

When you walk, movement is gradual, and so anyone watching you can see the dynamics of your moving legs easily.

While fear sets in, God begins to walk to give evidence of His ways to reclaim the focus of His beloved: Adam and Eve. Even you and I.

They, Adam and Eve, hid because they sensed the steps they were hearing was coming towards them. This gives the picture that even in the state of that fear, God notices the fearful and still loves the fearful enough to move swiftly, but calmly, to begin to reveal His way to the fearful, in order to reclaim their attention.

See Matthew 14:26 – 31

The disciples had just seen what seemed like a ghost, and were afraid. They were not just afraid but they cried out in fear. You know that kind of shout we hear from children when they are scared. But as soon as they all, including Peter, cried out in fear, Jesus moved quickly with a loud voice, not a gentle voice, a voice loud enough to be heard, because everywhere was noisy. It was a rough and boisterous sea. Verse 24. It was a serious storm with winds and waves, and the disciples

cried in fear. So Jesus had to shout so loud that they could hear Him and recognize His voice.

If Christ had not intervened to let them all know He was the one, I believe some of them would probably dive into the sea out of fear. Drowning would have been inevitable. So, in the state of their fear, Jesus spoke and got their eyes away from their fear and reclaimed their attention. This then gave Peter the courage to ask Jesus if he could also walk on the water. There is always a move by God in the midst of our fears to reclaim our focus, and attention.

Their fear of a ghost was overcome as Christ caught their attention. After reclaiming their attention, Peter, in his own eyes believed he had gotten it all worked out, yet his eyes were on the wind and the rough seas.

See a clearer picture of the incident here, the sea was very rough, probably worse than the roughness of the Atlantic Ocean, and yet Jesus walked on it. Peter saw this and made a move to do the same after receiving Jesus' permission, but ended up making only a little progress. Why?

The rough seas.

If the sea was calmer, probably he would have walked on it without drowning.

So long as that sea was rough, Peter kept seeing and focusing on it. He could see how the wind was blowing his garment and that of Jesus; how the wind blew their hair and beards. So his attention that was briefly captured by Jesus suddenly got lost again to the roughness of the sea and the winds. Immediately he lost sight of Jesus, fear of the seas set in again.

But the good news was that he soon gave his eyes and focus back to Jesus and cried out for help.

Peter, here, demonstrated that fear may come a second time even when conquered, but when we set our attention back on God He is always close by, trying to reclaim our attention to save us from the it.

Peter saw that while he was sinking, Jesus was standing firm; notwithstanding the rough sea and high winds. In the midst of all these, Peter saw the omnipotence of Jesus as Jesus kept walking towards him while he sank; just waiting for Peter to make the call for help. This is the same thing that was expected of Adam when he and his wife sinned against God.

Peter recognized the ways of God in Christ Jesus and asked for deliverance from his fears.

Matthew 14:32 reveals it quite uniquely; "...immediately they got into the boat, the wind ceased". This tells us that after Jesus saved Peter from the fear of drowning, Peter still walked on the rough sea in the midst of the high wind along with Jesus Christ. They both kept walking on the sea after Jesus pulled him up from the water(as he drowned), back on top of the water until they got into the boat. Peter had learnt his lessons so much that this time around, his attention remained on Jesus even though the sea was still rough and the wind high.

See the same verse in NLT (New Living Translation)

Matthew 14:32

"when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped."

This shows that Jesus did not carry Peter, Peter walked with Jesus back to the boat, and they entered into the boat together.

See, one great possibility in that fearful state is the way, and walk of God. He seeks, to have and reclaim your attention. This is what the Spirit of God is revealing.

Peter tried the impossible and sank when his eyes got distracted from Jesus, but he cried out and he was helped by the Lord. Jesus held his hands and pulled him up to stay on the same sea. If that fear has defeated you before, God is waiting for to cry out to Him as He desires to have your attention. He pulls you out and puts you back to ride on the same tide that would have drowned you. After He gained the attention of Moses at the burning bush, God placed him back on top of the things that he feared that made him run away 40 years ago. Wow!

Just as Peter walked with Jesus after he was rescued from his fears, in the same manner God walked with Moses after saving him from his fear. This is part of what can happen in that fear you face, it is a great opportunity to have God all for yourself to walk with you like never before.

One secret of Peter's life that is synonymous to King David's life, is that he always cried out early for help. I believe Peter's motto in life will be something like this: "If I can just be rescued, I will try again and never fear

nor fail a second time.” No wonder he was appointed for the big task of leading the church in its early stage.

Someone who did the contrary was King Saul.

I Samuel 10:21 – 24, 13:10 – 12, 15:24 – 26

Saul’s fear never made him cry out to God for help. His eyes and ears refused to see or take notice of the ways of God. And as such, his attention was never reclaimed by God until fear sank and killed him with several more sins to his credit.

When you look intently into **Numbers 14:10 – 11**, God made a profound declaration in **verse 11**,

“Why is it that these people have refused to pay attention to the things I have been doing?”

God probably asked, “Didn’t they go out early this morning to gather manna?” “That’s enough sign.”

“Can’t they see the cloud up there under this hot desert sun that keeps them from the scorching heat? Are they not aware that the presence of the clouds I put in the sky above them is why the weather is conducive for them?”
“Can’t they see that I did that too?”

“Why then have they refused to see or notice me as I walk in their midst?”

God left them with signs every day; they saw all of these signs and yet refused to believe. That is why He was angry with them. “You fear mere men who can’t give manna. You fear mere men who can’t give the cloud in the sky to hide the heat of the sun from you. Don’t you have eyes to see my signs and know my ways and be saved.” But it all fell on deaf ears.

God have mercy!

Whenever fear sets in, you will see God walking, and His way becomes evident. Give your attention to that (His way) and let your attention stay on God rather than on the fear.

Please take these prayer points seriously.

- 1. Father have mercy on my soul in Jesus name.**
- 2. I have sinned Lord, please forgive all my sins and restore me to Yourself in Jesus name.**
- 3. My heart, my soul, my all, I hand over to You forever in Jesus name.**

4. Father, I confess all my fears (*Go ahead and mention all the fears in your heart one by one*) to You.

5. Father, You are bigger and mightier than... (*Mention each of those fears one at a time*). You are the greatest in Jesus name.

6. Father, by the power in Jesus name I hand over all my fears to You now. I receive You in place of all the fears from now on in Jesus name.

7. From today father, cause me to focus on only You and not on any fear again in Jesus name.

8. Thank You my loving father for answering in Jesus name.

First possibility

You can still see God's ways, presence, as he calls your attention in the midst of fear. No matter how it might seem.

VERSE 9

"Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, 'where are you?' "

This, you will agree with me is a question. I believe you will also agree with me that the Lord God is all knowing, and all-surpassing in knowledge.

Now, a question:

As a sane person, can you take a beautiful painting and show a blind man and then ask:

“Hey, blind man, don’t you see how beautiful this painting is?”

Or rather, you take a recording of a beautifully composed orchestra or any fine song, then you play that record before some deaf fellows and then ask them if they enjoyed the tracks.

Doing either of these will amount to you trying to mock them. That will not be acceptable by any sane thinking individual who sees you do such.

Now, if this is wrong and wicked by the standard of a right thinking society, how much more is it with God?

God will never do such, to make fun of a person’s physical challenges.

If this is the case, it therefore implies that even in that condition of fear that Adam found himself or foolishly

walked into, he could still hear voices. God knew Adam could still hear Him clearly and that is why God spoke to him.

In Matthew 14:26 – 27, in the midst of their fears, Jesus spoke out aloud to tell them He was the one. If the disciples were deaf and couldn't hear Jesus, Jesus wouldn't even say a thing, talk more of affirming His presence on the sea as He walked to them.

When you go through I Kings 19:2 – 12,

Even in the state of fear, Elijah could hear God clearly. He heard the angel, and also heard God. Even God's still small voice.

That is another positive possibility in the state of fear any child of God can have.

Even in the midst of fear God speaks, and when there is a speaking from God He expects a hearing from us. In Joshua 1:1 – 10, when Moses died and it was time for God to begin to tell Joshua what he should do, the first

things God told him after letting him know the task before him was: **"FEAR NOT"** verse 9.

"Be of good courage" verse 7.

Why was God talking in such a manner against fear while addressing Joshua? This is not farfetched from the fact that God could see the fear in Joshua.

Joshua probably had never envisaged taking over from Moses. He was just a humble servant following Moses and had no desire to take over. He never ever thought about it.

You have probably heard that proverb which says:

“Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.”

Well, Joshua never knew this proverb until it was time to take over.

Joshua had being a man of faith who held on to God and believed he can conquer the Canaanites through the help of God and occupy the land. Yes he never lost faith in that, but what probably became Joshua’s fears were the very people he was meant to lead.

I believe these thoughts probably ran through Joshua’s mind:

“These people stressed Moses till he couldn’t make it to the Promised Land, will I make it?”

- “Even Moses’ brother and sister rebelled against him. Won’t I face worse?”
- “They almost stoned Moses at several points, what will they do to me?”

These and many more questions I believe ran through his mind to scare him.

It was in the midst of these and many more analysis in his head that God came to interrupt his thoughts with these words:

1. Verse 1. “Moses my servant is dead.” “Joshua, know for certain that Moses was my own servant.” This must have boosted Joshua’s courage.
2. Verse 3. “Joshua, you just walk on that place, that land and it shall be yours.” “If your leg can just touch it then it’s yours.” Another booster. “That’s easy” Joshua must have told himself by now.
3. Verse 5. “No man can stand before you all your days just as they could not overcome Moses.” Wow!

4. Verse 5. "I will not leave you nor forsake you". I could just imagine Joshua shout; "at last". "That's all I just needed; Your presence."

5. Verse 6. "You'll be the one to distribute the land to the people."

6. Verse 6 – 8. "The secret for your success and conquest is this book of the law. That's the only work."

7. Verse 9. "I God, I'm the one commanding you." Joshua's spirit must have fully revived by now. "So it's not an angel talking to me, it's Elohim Himself." Joshua was fully strong in spirit by now.

8. Verse 9. "Do not fear. Just be bold."

We see what Joshua did next. Immediately he heard all the charge and address from God. Joshua moved into action quickly, no waste of time Joshua 1:10.

You see, in our fears, God speaks and we always hear Him. He speaks not to amaze with how powerful His voice is but to distract our attention from that fear and to bring us to Himself. To reclaim our hearts.

God spoke and by the time He was through, Joshua gave unwavering attention to God.

In Matthew 14:27 – 28, Jesus spoke and Peter's fear of seeing a ghost was immediately drowned as Peter became courageous and stepped out of the boat to walk on the water in faith.

Genesis 3:9 under consideration;

"...called to Adam and said..."

When we say you call out to a person, it means you shout out the person's name, not to scare, but to get their undivided attention. See, in the fearful state God specializes in calling out to us in a way that should be followed by giving Him our full attention. That is, God could get louder now with His tone just to get our attention.

In Luke 22:31, Christ called out to Peter twice to get his attention.

The essence of calling out to Adam was to draw his attention away from himself and bring him back to God, but Adam was lost in himself. Self-realization at best keeps one lost in self and destroys at the end of the day.

See (I Kings 19:9)

God came to Elijah and said to him; “what are you doing here, Elijah?”

This can only mean that this is not where God has placed him. “Elijah, why are you here?” The fear in Elijah had so affected him at this point that his response was not pleasing to God, so God had to ask the same question a second time;

I Kings 19:12 – 13

His response to God was still not pleasing to the Lord. The answer he gave to God twice was the reason God had to tell him to handover to three different people that will finish what was meant for him alone to accomplish.

I Kings 19:15 – 17. Such a mighty man of God carrying the office of two kings and two prophets (Elisha’s double portion anointing were all in Elijah.)

Let us examine the response he gave.

I Kings 19:10

“So he said, I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your

prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life. ” Verse 14 records the same response.

Question Again:

“Elijah what are you doing here?” Verses 9 and 13

“What are you doing here?” But in responding, due to the fears in his heart, Elijah’s answers were only about the evils that the Israelites had committed, especially on God’s altar, God’s covenant and God’s prophets.

In his response, the places we see Elijah make reference to himself was in praising himself for a job well done and how it had endangered his life.

“Elijah what are you doing here?”

His fear got him also confused as we saw in chapter one.

PRAY

- **Father, deliver me from any fear that will make me give a wrong answer to You in Jesus name.**

See the response again

Verse 10 and 14

“I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts... I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

This is what Elijah actually meant;

“No other prophet of Yours has being as zealous as me, and I alone remain, yet the people want to kill me. If they do, You’ll have no more prophets.”

How wrong he was.

I Kings 19:18

What was the beginning of his fear?

It was not really Jezebel or her letter in verse 2, rather, Elijah had taken his eyes off God and was consumed by his zeal for God as a prophet. His thoughts: “Wow, seems I’m greater than all the prophets; Moses, Samuel. I have achieved so much.”

I Kings 19:4

“... Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”

When attention shifts from God, fear sets in as stated, yet when God speaks to us in that state of fear, He expects a right response not just any answer. May we

find divine help to speak rightly to God when facing fears in the name of Jesus.

A second possibility when fear combats us is God speaking audibly to the fearful in a bid to gain their attention. Isaiah 6:5 – 7

Prophet Isaiah both saw and heard and it drowned the fears he had about his sins.

VERSE 10

“... ‘I heard Your voice in the gardens, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’”

One beautiful thing that is possible in our fearful state is God coming into where we really are. Not talking from far, but coming right where we are.

“...the LORD God walking in the garden...” verse 8

“...‘I heard Your voice in the garden...’” verse 10

God comes right into the situation or scene of our fear.

First he makes His way, steps visible.

Second He speaks out to us to know we are not alone.

Then He is right there in it with us.

Look at it better here;

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them all the days of old.”

While in the garden of fear, God is right there too and not far away.

Hebrews 2:14 – 15, 18

“In as much 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, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage....For in that he Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

This is the description here;

Songs of Solomon 5:2 – 6

In her closet, her beloved came to her, right where she was and sought her. He was not far away calling out, but right where she was. In the very situation she found herself, there he came. This was exactly what God did

for Adam; He came right where Adam was hidden/lost due to his fear.

Now hear what her beloveth says:

Songs of Solomon 5:2 – 6

Verse 2. "...Open for me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is covered with dew, my locks with the drops of the night."

More like:

"Let me come to you, my head (my mind) is full of you and I sense your fear. I can see the dread in you, allow me to get to you."

It is similar to the way God came right where Adam was, in his fear.

Hear the response.

Verse 3. "I have taken off my robe; how can I put it on again? I have washed my feet; how can I defile them?"

Listening to this response, let me ask;

If he is your beloved - your husband - is there any need of putting back the robe? Who else is her nakedness meant for? It is for him.

That is no excuse at all.

“I have washed my feet, how can I defile them?”

This is better read as she saying she is lost in herself and self-pity, so she'll rather remain where she is than open up and be helped.

When God came to Adam and Adam told God he was hiding (in the wrong answer he gave), God could not do much for him that day. And so the help (salvation) Adam would have gotten that day was postponed for thousands of years.

He came right where she was just as God came right where Adam was and the response was not good enough.

Verse 4. “My beloved put his hand by the latch of the door, and my heart yearned for him.”

As you already know, a latch is a small metal bar that is used to fasten a door or a gate. You raise it to open the door, and drop it into a metal hook to fasten it.

That is a latch.

This same verse in NLT reads;

“My lover tried to unlatch the door, my heart thrilled within me”

This means he tried to remove the obstacles on his path to reach out and help her. At this point she could see the efforts of her beloved, yet she remained where she was hidden.

Even though by now she was relaxed to converse with him because he came in a gentle way, yet she shut herself in; “...and my heart thrilled within me”

When God came to Adam where he was hiding, God approached him in such a way that should not scare him, but Adam hid in self-pity and his fear. God tried unlocking the door since Adam will not. God employed several methods to help him open up; Adam remained hidden and unwilling to let the door open.

How did God try unlocking the door, that is, unlatching?

- By His ways, steps, walk to them not to agitate them.
- By His call in a gentle way. He called out in a way to make Adam approach Him. In a way that could make Adam think God does not even know I am naked.

- By coming to Adam right in his fearful condition.
 - By the way God asked His question in verse 11 of Genesis 3
1. “Who told you that you were naked?”
 2. “Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

All these moves from the Almighty was just to unlatch the door for Him to gain full access to them and help them out. Yet, like the lady in S.O.S 5:2 – 6, Adam did not open up.

Verse 5 – 6 of S.O.S 5

By the time she was through with herself and ready to open, it was too late as the beloved had gone.

For Adam, since he will not own up but was busy blaming everyone in his bid to justify himself, God could not do what He intended to do for him immediately, He

just covered his nakedness with the skin of the slain lamb and cover his sin with the blood of that slain lamb.

The fear that made him hide stole everything from him.

Back in childhood days I remember denying wrongs done out of fear of possible punishment. Many times though I was rebuked. The punishments came only when it was necessary to keep me in the right path in life. This, I believe was Adam's thought.

Adam had a lot that was going on in his mind. Things his heart told him God would do to him if he owned up.

Like the prodigal son in Luke 15:11 – 24, the day he returned was the day he received his mercy and redemption. If he had returned home earlier he would have received it earlier. Same was for Adam. I strongly believe if his fear had not gotten the better side of him and hid him away from God, he would have received help since that day.

See Isaiah's approach to it; Isaiah 6:1 – 8

After the demise of king Uzziah of Judah, God came to Isaiah right where he was, in his filthy self-righteousness. God caught Isaiah's attention and made an

announcement of His presence to him just as He did to Adam and that lover lady in Songs of Solomon.

But see how Isaiah responded; Isaiah 6:5

“So I said: woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the king; The LORD of hosts.”

Isaiah quickly seized the opportunity to confess he is a sinful man.

Isaiah did this in fear. Not just fear of God, but fear that he was a sinner. Just as Adam also became scared by reason of the knowledge of his sin. But Isaiah had a better approach to it. He owned up to it, went on to declare where and on whom his attention or focus has now turned.

Isaiah 6:5 “...I am a man of unclean lips;...I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;...”

These were Isaiah’s initial focus; himself and the people among whom he dwelt. But at that divine visit, Isaiah’s attention quickly shifted to God.

Isaiah 6:5

- “...For my eyes have seen the King,...”
- “...The LORD of hosts.”

Isaiah was just saying the one whom my attention is now totally fixed on is the King, not a king but the King.

The one I focus on is The LORD of hosts.

Isaiah quickly acknowledged the magnanimity of the one he was now seeing and this gave birth to a response from him which he declared loudly.

I could just imagine God declare, “Just what I was expecting from Adam. Good response Isaiah”

In the remaining part of this encounter, you will discover that the very things he feared were dealt with by God immediately. The sins he feared were atoned for immediately. Even without him requesting for it.

Just imagine Adam responding outside of fear, there would have been help there and then to deal with the fear, the sin. Remember, God is no respecter of persons.

Isaiah 6:7 “...Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged (atoned for).”

Take note of this, in all our fears, God comes in by Himself, all He needs is for you to take your eye away from that fear and place your full attention on Him so He can help you out of that fear.

Thirdly, in the state of fear, God is present and not far away. Psalm 46:1

VERSE 11

The ways of God, the voice of God and the full presence of God are the initial possibilities in that state of fear. As we move on, we want analyze verse 11 of Genesis 3, to consider questions like: Who are you listening to? What did I do to get here?

These are issues that constitute part of the possibilities in the early phases of fear.

Genesis 3:11

“...who told you...” Have you eaten from the tree...”

“Who told you?”

These are the questions,

Who are you listening to?

The truth about life is that what you keep feeding on will determine your state of health. This also applies to your state of mind. Psychologists advise parents to encourage their children from young age because it helps them believe in themselves and make them reach out for

excellence as they grow. This is because words are powerful.

Job 4:4

Even the brave David at some points got scared.

I Samuel 21:10 – 12

See what verse 11 says;

“And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying: ‘Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?’”

David, at the time this conversation was going on between Achish and his servants, was privy to hear what was going on and it stirred great fear in him. David, being a man of war and leader of people knows that you do not lose the opportunity to apprehend the enemy

who slew your soldiers, so he feared for his life. I Samuel 21:12

“Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.”

David heard the words, and he took it to heart, and that produced the fear that chased him out of Gath to Adullam. I Samuel 21:13 – 22:1

Why was God particular about the question He first asked Adam when Adam told Him of his predicament?

“And He said, ‘who told you that you were naked?’”
Genesis 3:11

This is because no matter who you are, the person you listen to is the one that gets your full attention. And if you listen to yourself a lot, certainly you will place your attention on yourself. If you listen to the devil, you will surely focus your attention on him. But if your ears are given to God, certainly you will listen to Him, and He will get your full attention.

God was invariably telling Adam; “I now see why you are afraid. You have been listening to someone else and you have disregarded my own voice. And that has gotten your attention, little wonder fear has set in.”

See what James has to say concerning what you hear, or rather, who you listen to.

James 3:3 – 8

James is saying here that, the tongue is the steering that controls lives. Verse 3 and 4

As small as the tongue is, it controls the whole life of a person. This means then that the tongue you listen to is the tongue that gets your attention, and that is the tongue that rules your life.

God's tongue, or other tongues.

Take special note of the point here. *In the time of fear many voices speak, basically two voices; God and Satan's, and you will surely listen to one, there is no sitting on the fence. Whichever you listen to plays a vital role; to nurse the fear and remain in it, or hate the fear and come out of it.*

That is one of the reasons God spoke to Adam in his state of fear when the fear came on him.

Please think on this scenario in I Samuel 4:2 – 10

Israel faced the Philistines in a battle, and prior to this battle the Philistines had consistently dealt heavy

defeats on the Israelites, and so the Philistine soldiers came to this particular war fully hopeful and convinced

they will defeat Israel effortlessly. The Philistines came with so much confidence.

On the other hand Israel came to this battle with so much fear. See verse 2 – 3.

Their fear led them to take a drastic decision to bring out the Ark of covenant to the battle.

Immediately the Ark was brought into the camp of the Israelite soldiers, a noise went forth, so loud that the Philistine soldiers became terrified. The shout sent shivers into their spine. The once bold Philistine soldiers suddenly became afraid. Why?

Because at this point, another voice had overshadowed the initial voice of confidence that they had. I Samuel 4:6 – 8

Just like Adam who all of a sudden forgot the voice of God; the voice of courage. The Philistines also forgot the sounds, and voices of courage that ushered them to the battle and this nursed fear in them.

This is similar to when God had to ask Adam, “Who told you that you were naked?” that is, who have you been listening to?

The Philistines would have become mincemeat for Israel had they began the battle with this fear. See what happened in verse 9 (I Samuel 4)

“Be strong and conduct yourselves like men, you Philistines that you do not become servants of the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Conduct yourselves like men, and fight!”

To save the situation from degenerating, this encouragement from one of the captains or commandants became a great booster; this was another voice the Philistines later heard. This second voice countered that of the Hebrews. This captain first discovered courage in himself and went on to spread it. The voice of courage in the midst of fear could silence any fear.

Someone in the ranks of the Philistines got up, managed his fear, dismissed its voices, got his ears opened to that of courage and then dug out the evil seed of fear from the hearts of his comrades through his own voice.

Who do you listen to?

... A doctor who tells you that you cannot be healed, and you will just have to manage an ailment all your life or

God who says “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

... Friends who say you will certainly fail or God who says, “You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you.”

... The scary weather report or financial report?

In I Samuel 30:6 – 8, David heard the voices of distress and fear that would have taken him to his early grave with his destiny unfulfilled. In this circumstance, David summoned up the warrior’s heart in him and threw away his fears and encouraged himself in the Lord. He quickly gave his ear to God and closed his ears against the contrary voices speaking. See verse 6b

“...But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.”

The time you need to be most careful who you listen to is when you sense fears around. At this point, many voices will be busy telling you how naked you are, and this will certainly overcome you if your attention is not turned from them.

Listen rather to the voice telling you that you can be clothed again. You can stand again.

“Adam! Who told you that you were naked?”

The second question was.

What did I do to get here?

Genesis 3:11

“...have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

In Physics there is a principle known as **CAUSE AND EFFECT**. This says, for every action, there is a resultant reaction.

For example, if I hit my right fist against a wall, there will be both sound, and pain. Sound of the collision, as well as pain in my hand due to the forceful collision.

For Adam, the cause that produced an effect was eating of the forbidden fruit. This act is synonymous to him excusing himself from focusing on God.

Remember, we established earlier in chapter 1 that what we focus on, is what determines the presence or absence of the kind of fear we are considering.

Adam's way of initially shifting his attention from God was the forbidden fruit. While for Job, it was setting his heart on his self-righteousness, his wealth and fear of losing it. Job 3:25 – 26

Looking at Job 3:10 – 24, we notice some salient points that were sources of fear for Job;

- Verse 10. Fear of having sorrow
- Verse 13. Fear of losing his rest – comfort
- Verse 17 & 18. Fear of being troubled and oppressed.

So what actually did Job do that brought these fear upon him?

His eyes were on himself. Job thought was able to attain righteous standing before God by his personal works and ability.

Job 1:5 is a proof of this presumption.

Besides, in his arguments with his three friends; Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, Job justified himself over and over again. Unknown to him, our righteousness is like filthy rags before God. Isaiah 64:6

Let's take a look at some of Job's defense and his show of self-righteousness that brought this fears.

In Job 4:17, Eliphaz pointed out to Job his error of equating himself with God and setting himself more righteous than God by the question he asked.

In Job 6:24, Job gave an answer. Still justifying himself. More like he asking; "In what way have I done any wrong?", "I have checked my self and there is no uncleanness." That's the basis of what Job was affirming.

Still focusing on himself, Job in Job 7:20 queried God "why", believing that he was clean and without offence.

Another instance of setting his eyes on himself is

Job 9:21 – 22. Here, Job actually told God; "I now see that you destroy even the blameless man because that is what you are doing to me now."

Take a close look at Job 10:2 – 7.

What Job was expected to actually do was to take a good thought and know what had transpired that probably got him to this situation, but instead, his self-praise and self-justification continued.

Job 13:18 – 23

Job had even prepared arguments to bring against God. To also let God know how wrong and unjust He had treated him (the self-righteous Job).

Job 27:2 – 6 shows clearly what we are trying to say. Job said:

- God has taken away justice. Verse 2. God is unrighteous.
- I have done no evil, I am righteous.
- I will never accept any word that condemns me. I cannot be condemned; “I rather die than accept that I am unrighteous”. Verse 5 – 6.
- I will never forsake my self-righteousness (which is filthy rags before God. Isaiah 64:6) verse 6.

Job was so consumed with himself he could not see God at all.

See Job 31:1 – end.

In this chapter of the book of Job, we see Job at the height of his self-acclaimed purity and right standing. From verse 1 to verse 40, Job’s concentration was on ‘I’; self. He narrated many times the good he had done, and the evils and wrongs he never did.

Job 31:33 shows his pride of not being unrighteous as he compared himself with all others. He assumed he was better than others as far as he was concerned.

Let us see how he was finally addressed in his self-righteous aggrandizement.

Job 32:1

This verse summarizes it all. Whenever a person is unable to correctly answer questions on how he got to this place of fear, then help is impossible or difficult.

Adam could not give the correct answers, he excused himself. Job also could not, he justified himself.

All of Job's answers and replies kept his eyes away from God but on himself, and that is the starting point of fear as we said. His fears continued until the young man Elihu spoke and when God Himself also spoke. Job 32:2

It is whom your attention is fixed on that you praise. From the beginning of his fear to this point Job's eyes were on himself and not on God.

His arguments and replies showed where Job's attention had been: "Won't this all powerful God still decide to judge me one day even with all my righteousness."

God's response later came in order to correct Job:

Job 40:1 – 5, 8.

Verse 8 “Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?”

“Job!” God must have called out, “would you fix your eyes on yourself and your self-righteousness while you disdain Me and not look at Me at all to see Me in My full splendor and true righteousness?”

Job at this point must have been terrified. At this point, fear was changing its form. It was becoming the fear of God. To help Job take his eyes and attention off himself and put them back on God, God began to list just a little of His deeds, I call this, part of God's Curriculum Vitae or God's Résumé .

Job 40:9 – 41:1 – 34.

Finally Job got the point and gave a true answer to what he did that brought him to that level of fear.

Job 42:1 – 6.

- Verse 2. “I know you are able always”
- Verse 3. “I have been foolish and wrong in my responses.”

- Verse 5. “Now I can see You clearly. I cease to see myself anymore.” More like, finally; “I see my filthiness and Your righteousness.”
- Verse 6. “I am nothing at all, and I amount to nothing, You are all.”
- Verse 6. “I repent.” Wow!

These were the very things God was waiting to hear from Adam and help him. The curses on the earth and the negative decree on the woman during child birth would have been averted.

Can I sincerely answer that question?

Will you?

What did I do to get here?

David probably answered his in

1 Samuel 30:6 by telling himself, “I set my eyes on the battle with the Philistines and never set my eyes on God to ask for a Yes or No.” David corrected this early.

In Matthew 14:29 – 31, Peter answered correctly; “my eyes were not set on Jesus.” But when he realized this and focused on Jesus, his fears ended immediately as Jesus stretched forth His hands and pulled him up out of the water.

Esther 4:1 – 17, in seeking to deliver the Hebrews who were her people, Esther's eyes were initially focused on the king and that gave her fears.

Verse 11

"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."

Esther's initial idea was if only my husband, the king, will invite me to the inner court, I would petition him. This focus only got her scared. But by the time Mordechai's reply got to her, Esther had to change her focus to "the hills from whence cometh her help". Verse 15 – 16.

The change of focus to whom she gave her attention to suddenly drowned her fears and gave her boldness to approach the king. That enabled her to achieve her desire. Psalm 121:1 & 2.

Some may have their attention on themselves like Job, others may have their attention on another person, and some others may have their own attention on things, on reports and the present systems. Just make sure your attention is on God.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book was born in a season of my life when many things came to buffet me at the same time. They seemed to overwhelm me. Denials, rejections and misinterpretations of my motives; It was a very challenging season of experiences in my life. A season that normally would have bred fear in me and probably ruin me. A season when I could just see shame glaring at me in the face, about to give me a knock out. But in the midst of these things came the book. God, through the Holy Spirit taught me on the dynamics of things happening and helped me to conquer them.

I was taught about fear and how it works to ruin and how I must take a firm stand against it.

One thing I bless God for is His ever abiding peace that kept my heart as I told Him of the happenings. Indeed Philippians 4:6 – 7 became real and is still real.

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