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FREEDOM FROM FEAR

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and of love, and of a sound mind.

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For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

This verse of scripture sets out the two basic spiritual laws at work in the world: *the law of the Spirit of life* (in Christ Jesus) and *the law of sin and death* (in Satan). Webster's dictionary defines a law as "an established principle." You can depend on a law to work the same way every time.

The two laws in Romans 8:2 are reciprocals.

There is a spiritual law of reciprocals. The word *reciprocal* means "corresponding, but reversed or inverted." Let me give you an illustration of this: North and south are reciprocals. They correspond to one another because they are both directions on a compass, but south is the reciprocal of north.

They are exact opposites from each other.

Faith Perverted

Understanding the principle of reciprocals gives insight into how Satan operates. Satan is a fallen angel. Like all angelic beings, he has no creative power. He cannot create; he can only destroy. He can only work with the things already created. He is limited to the forces in this world.

Had he ever come up with anything original, that thing would be a truth. But Jesus said that there is no truth in him (John 8:44). He is a counterfeiter, a deceiver.

Satan became the illegitimate stepfather of mankind through Adam's high treason in the Garden of Eden. He received Adam's authority over the spiritual laws in the earth. He did not put spiritual law into motion. He just perverted the laws that were already there. Sin was not a new law. It was righteousness perverted. Death was life perverted. Hate was love perverted. Fear was faith perverted.

The faith that God gave Adam was meant to sustain his life. When Satan gained control, that force of faith was perverted. Satan then used that perverted spiritual

force of fear to kill, steal and destroy.

After Adam sinned in the Garden, fear became the dominant force in his life. The first words he spoke to God were, *"I was afraid"* (Genesis 3:10).

The faith he had in his heart was turned into fear.

This is why faith and fear are so closely related.

They are almost identical. They work the same, but they produce opposite results.

The law of reciprocals works in every area.

God's Word is true, but there is no truth in Satan.

Satan is a counterfeit of God in every situation. At the opposite end of south is always north. At the opposite end of love is always hate. If Satan can come to you with hate, then you know God has love. If Satan comes to you with fear, then you know there is faith available to you in Jesus. Fear is the counterfeit of faith.

If you will put faith to work, it will always overcome fear. Love always overcomes hate.

Prosperity always overcomes poverty. The counterfeit *never* is as powerful as the real thing.

There is a promise in God's Word that will overcome every opportunity to fail that Satan can throw your way. There is not one thing in Satan's bag of tricks that the Word cannot overcome. By knowing the spiritual law of reciprocals and how it operates, you can keep Satan out of your life.

The force we know in this earth as fear was originally Adam's faith. When he bowed his knee to Satan, he put into motion the law of sin and death. Until then, Adam didn't know how to die.

All he knew was how to live. All he knew was God's Word. When he went against God's Word, he received spiritual death into his spirit. He received the law of sin and death, and it separated him from God.

When you separate yourself from God and from His Word, you separate yourself from life.

Adam separated himself from life, and what happened? He died spiritually first and then began dying physically.

Again, we see the law of reciprocals in motion. As long as Adam obeyed God, he lived.

But when he disobeyed God's law, he turned and went the other way. Death took the place of life.

He began moving under the power of death and the forces that death brings. Manifestations of sickness and disease didn't come into the earth until the law of sin and death was put into motion.

When Adam acted on something other than the Word of God, he severed the supply line between heaven and earth. When he did that, the law of life in this earth was perverted and became the law of sin and death. In the hands of God, it was the law of life. In the hands of Satan, it became the law of death. The same thing that happened to Adam happened to Jesus. They both fell from life to death —one as an act of treason, the other as an act of obedience (Philippians 2:8).

Death vs. Life

In Romans 8:2, we see the two spiritual laws of life and death in operation. The following charts show each law and its results. As you can see, they are complete opposites. The boundary line between them was crossed only one time —when Jesus offered Himself as the supreme sacrifice to purchase our freedom from every part of the curse.

SATAN / JESUS

The law of sin and death The law of the Spirit of life (the curse) (the blessing)

Fear / Faith

Sin & Death / Life & Righteousness

Sickness & Disease / Healing & Divine Health

Poverty / Prosperity

Worry & Anxiety / The Peace of God

Hate / Love

Demons / Angelic Powers

The price that Jesus paid was twofold. He came, not only to destroy the works of the devil, but also to deliver us from the fear of death and the bondage it brings. Look at Hebrews 2:14-15: *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

The phrase *fear of death* is a result of the law of sin and death. The word *destroy* in the original text means "to paralyze." Jesus came for two reasons:

1. to *completely paralyze* Satan who had the power of death

2. to *deliver* us who through fear of death were held subject to bondage

We have not been given *the spirit of bondage again to fear.* Fear produces bondage. Jesus came to break the power of that bondage! How? By stopping the force of fear. Praise God!

In order for the power of death to ever be broken, Jesus had to absorb all the curse of the law, both in the spiritual realm and in the physical realm. He bore all the physical curse at Calvary.

All the demons of hell came against Him to annihilate Him. They wanted to torment Jesus forever and keep Him in bondage forever, thereby keeping God from ever having contact with mankind again. Satan could then rule and reign on this earth as he pleased with no restrictions or qualifications whatsoever. But God had something else in mind! Hebrews 2:14 says through death He (Jesus) destroyed him (Satan) that had the power of death.

When the price was paid, God breathed the breath of life into Jesus, and the law of the Spirit of life was set into motion for mankind. Because He did all that for you and me, we can live free! We can know beyond doubt that the law of the

Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made *us* free from the law of sin and death!

Fear—Satan's Main Weapon

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father (Romans 8:15).

When you were born again, your human spirit was completely recreated. You received all the qualities, all the spiritual forces, all the things of God that Adam had in him when God created him in the Garden of Eden, plus all the things in Jesus when God raised Him from the dead.

I want you to notice these words: *You have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear.*

Fear is not a natural force to the born-again believer. It was natural to you before you were reborn. But your spirit man was recreated, and eternal life erupted in your heart when you made Jesus the Lord of your life. The reborn human spirit cannot produce fear. It can receive it and act on it and be choked by it, but it cannot produce it.

God is revealing by His Word that Satan has lost his authority and power. The Name of Jesus will *always* defeat him. The counterfeit will never win. Faith will *always* overcome fear. Love will *always* overcome hate. Prosperity will *always* overcome poverty.

Fear is a spiritual force, just as faith is a spiritual force. When you apply faith and operate in it by keeping the Word of God in your heart, that faith of God will flow through your body to keep it well and whole. When you apply fear and operate in it, the force of fear will work against you to make you sick. Fear works in the spirit world the same as faith.

Fear activates Satan the way faith activates God. Fear is totally destructive. It will cripple the mind, stop the heart and even change the color of your hair.

Fear is a satanic force that works against you at every opportunity. Faith is a creative force that God uses to build and uplift. Faith helps; fear hurts. Whenever faith is in operation, you will always benefit from it. Whenever fear is in operation, you will be subject to bondage and torment.

You are in contact with Satan in this earth as long as you have five physical senses and a workable mind. He is a thief, a liar and a killer. He will do his best to destroy you and your testimony as a believer. His goal is to successfully remove you from the field of action. His main weapon in reaching that goal is fear. He wants you to take the opportunity to fear so that you will fail.

Satan challenges the promises of God with fear. He tries to make it look as if those promises won't work for you. He wants desperately to convince you that faith won't work and that Jesus'

sacrifice at Calvary wasn't good enough. He challenges the faith-filled promises of God's Word with fear-filled lies of his own.

Faith —God's Source of Power Satan knows that he cannot do anything to you apart or separate from fear, just as God cannot do anything for you apart or separate from faith. Satan can't touch you as long as you stand on the Word of God. *Fear is Satan's source of power the way faith is God's source of power.* Satan has people operating in fear and they don't even know it.

God, on the other hand, is a good God. He will do His absolute best to see that you are blessed in every area of your life. Faith is the upholding force of God. He upholds all things by the Word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). By acting in faith on the Word, you can expect the blessings of God to be upon you. By acting on the fear of sickness and disease, you can expect to be sick. Both faith and fear will produce results.

According to Hebrews 11:1-3, there are three basic characteristics that we should know about faith:

1. It is a spiritual force.

2. It is God's creative power.

3. It is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen with the physical eye.

Faith power is not produced in your head; it is produced in your heart. It is produced by the Word of God being fed into your spirit. You will never get any power out of your car by pouring water into the gas tank. Your spirit life derives its power from God's Word the way your car derives its power from gasoline. If

you operate in fear and feed fear down into your spirit, you will never produce the kind of faith power it takes to rule over the circumstances of this life.

God's Way vs. Satan's Way

The whole world flows in a negative, downhill, destructive stream. We have been trained by Satan to operate in the negative. We talk fear all the time and, for the most part, are totally unaware of it. By giving thought, speech and action to it, the force of fear will work proficiently. It will work in you as long as you allow it to. But you can also put a stop to it and its effect in your spirit, your soul and your body.

Some people think a little fear is healthy, but that's a lie! There is no such thing as healthy fear!

There is no such thing as a combination of God's way and Satan's way. There is only one method of operation and one set of laws: God's way and God's Word!

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen with the physical eye. It is the force that reaches out into the unreality of things you need, into the world of the spirit (heaven's supply) and brings those things into physical manifestation.

Because faith and fear work the same way, we can understand fear by looking at faith. How does faith work? *"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Romans 10:17). Galatians 5:6 says faith works by love.

Faith is developed by meditating in God's Word and by acting on that Word. Meditating in the Word causes the capacity for faith to increase.

By meditating in it and practicing it, the Word will produce the results of faith, love, healing, prosperity, wisdom and well-being in every area—spirit, soul and body.

Meditating in God's Word doesn't actually build faith. It builds *the capacity* for faith. Faith is strengthened when it is put to use. It is like a muscle. It must be exercised to be effective. If you tied your right arm to your side and didn't use it for several years, you would lose your strength in that arm. The muscles would go limp and become useless to you.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Fear comes by hearing the word of the world—the lies of Satan. Faith is developed by meditating on God's Word. Fear is developed by meditating and acting on Satan's lies. The name of this is *worry.*

The worst thing you can do is act on fear.

I remember an incident that occurred with a friend of mine. He called my mother in the middle of the night in desperate need of prayer. He was in the hospital for surgery, but fear had taken control of him to such an extent that the doctors wouldn't administer the anesthetic. One of them said, "This man has too much fear in him." They would not administer the anesthetic nor would they do surgery on him, or anyone else, when that much fear was present. They said he probably would have died.

My mother went to the hospital and laid hands on him. She spoke to that fear in the Name of Jesus Christ and drove it out. They still haven't operated on him to this day. He is well. Praise God!

The more you meditate on fear, the more it will grow in your life. You will begin to speak of things that haven't happened as though they already had. Then you will act on that fear and it will bring the results of the curse of the law, which is bondage. But you don't have to act on fear. You don't have to practice fear. You don't have to talk fear. Give it no place. If you sense it rising up within you, stop right then and take authority over it in Jesus' Name and cast it out.

In Matthew 14, we can see an excellent example of faith vs. fear. The disciples were in a ship, and Jesus came walking toward them on the water.

Peter said, *"Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water."*

Jesus answered, *"Come."*

Peter stepped out of the boat and started walking toward Jesus.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me (see verses 28-30).

What caused Peter to sink? He saw the wind boisterous and *he was afraid.* Peter was walking on that water supernaturally. He was walking on the Word. The wind didn't have anything to do with it.

The power that was keeping Peter on top of the water was his faith in Jesus' Word, *"Come.* " When he first stepped out of the boat, he was acting in faith. But when the fear came on him, it took over and dominated his entire being, causing his faith to fail.

If Peter had rebuked the wind, it would have ceased. But instead, he gave in to fear and the result was defeat.

When you speak to a mountain in faith as in Mark 11:23-24, you put the invisible force of God's creative power to work. When faith-filled words come out of your mouth, they are backed by the Spirit of God and the angels of God. All that power is applied to the mountain to remove it. You are the only one who can withdraw that power, and you do so by meditating on the lies of the devil and 19

the words of the world. Then by setting into motion the force of fear, you add support to the mountain and build it up. As an act of your will, you allow fear to operate, and the result is a faith defeat.

A man of faith will meditate on God's Word instead of worrying, and then he will speak to the mountain and say, "Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea." His next step is to support these faith words by praising God until the mountain is completely gone.

Faith is released by speaking of things that are not as though they were (Romans 4:17). Fear is released exactly the same way. God teaches and trains us to operate in the positive realm of faith.

So take the Word of faith and use it as your sword to combat Satan on every hand. Hold up your shield of faith and quench *all* Satan's fiery darts.

By speaking words of faith, fear will depart. It will have no place or opportunity to function in a heart filled with God's Word.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:34 that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. This is where the evil things and the good things come to pass. Whatever is in your heart in abundance *will* come out of your mouth. Your spirit is either filled with faith or it is filled with fear. It is either filled with love or it is filled with hate. The best gauge you have is your vocabulary. What are you speaking?

"I'm *afraid I* won't be able to go."

"I'm *afraid* not."

"I'm *afraid* so."

"That just *scared me* to *death."*

"These high prices *scare me."*

"Don't go out without your coat. Daddy's *afraid* you'll get sick."

But Brother Copeland, how can I teach my child to wear his coat? Teach him about temperature effects on his body, not fear of sickness. Teach him to never fear sickness because Jesus bore his sicknesses and his diseases. Don't teach him to fear automobiles.

Teach him *about* automobiles. He will then *decide* to stay out of the street—not because he is afraid—but because he has a knowledge of cars.

So much of the time, these fear-filled, fear-oriented words are spoken without us even realizing it. We are actually practicing fear without knowing it.

Second Timothy 1:7 says: *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* Fear is from Satan. It was a part of the unregenerated man—the man you were *before* you made Jesus the Lord of your life.

But now you have God in you. Fear is not of God.

Isaiah 54:14-15 says:

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me.

God has given you power and love and a sound mind. What you must do now is apply the force of God's Word to your mind and renew your thinking to the Word of God. By spending time in the Word, you will reprogram your thinking from fear to faith, from death to life, from sickness to health.

Walking Free From Fear

Psalm 118:6 says: *"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear." I will* is the strongest statement in the English language. Because you realize that the Lord is on your side, you *will not* fear. *To fear is against the Lord's will!* Fear does not have the power or the right to usurp authority over a human being who has made the decision to live above fear. Why? Because God is on his side!

Isaiah 43:1-2 says:

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee....

God is saying over and over to His people,

"Fear not!" These two words appear more than times in the Bible. If God says, *"Fear not!"* that means you don't have to fear. When God tells you to do something, He will always supply the power and ability for you to do it. Being redeemed means you don't have to fear.

There is a promise of God's Word that will overcome every opportunity you have to fail.

There is not one thing Satan can bring at you that God's Word cannot overcome. By knowing the spiritual law of reciprocals, you can keep Satan out of your life.

You are the deciding witness! The only chance Satan has with you is to get you to operate in fear and talk fear. You don't have to choose fear, but you can. You don't have to choose faith, *but you can!*

Remember what God says in Isaiah 54:14: He has established us in righteousness. We shall be far from oppression for we shall not fear! Terror shall not come near us! What a promise! God was stating that His people could look forward to a life without fear. You have God's Word on it. You can be far from oppression, because you shall not fear!

Satanic oppression and fear are closely connected.

Acts 10:38 says:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.

In 2 Peter 1:3-4, we are told that we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness by the divine power of God and through the exceeding great and precious promises. Then it says: *"that by these* (exceeding great and precious promises) *ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Everything* that pertains to life and godliness is covered by one or more of the precious promises of God in His Word.

Remember the law of reciprocals now. Any fear Satan can bring to our minds is a fear of failure of God's promise, since there is a promise that covers everything in life. Fear of sickness is actually a fear that 1 Peter 2:24 is not true. Fear of financial failure is actually a fear that Philippians 4:19 is not true. Remember, Satan cannot create; he can only pervert. He has never originated anything! Therefore, you can be sure that whatever Satan says or promotes was originally covered by God's promises and paid for by Jesus. Even if you don't know where in the Word the promise is, you can *know* there is one. That is enough to drive fear out long enough to go to the Word and the Holy Spirit, locate the promises that cover your situation, and then stand on them in faith.

God has given us His Word. Through that Word, we can partake of all His divine nature provides. We can escape the corruption in the world. We can live above sickness, sin, demons, poverty and fear. We can shake off the effects of the curse and walk in newness of life. We can have all the blessings of Abraham operating in and through us.

You have the right to use the Name of Jesus and the full armor of God. You also have the right not to use it. I highly recommend that you make the decision now to live the life God intends for you to live, the life that Jesus died to provide for you.

You can step through the door from fear into absolute faith and put a stop to Satan's destructive maneuvers in your life. Stand up boldly and say:

"I've been made the righteousness of Almighty God. I've been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The Lord is on my side; I *will* not fear. Sin shall have no dominion over me, for

He that is within me is greater than he that is in the world. Jesus bore my sicknesses and carried my diseases. By His stripes, I am healed. Therefore, I boldly say that the Lord is my helper and I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Live the Love Life

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).

As long as Israel obeyed the commandments before God, they had no reason to fear anything or anybody at any time (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). The same is true in the new covenant. We have been given the commandment to believe on the Name of Jesus and love one another (1 John 3:22-24). God is love! *To walk in love regardless of whether or not anyone else does is the highest walk available.*

There is no fear in God. There is no failure in God.

Read this scripture very, very carefully: *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not (1 John 5:18).*

Think about that: The wicked one touches us not. That seems too good to be true, but nevertheless, it is in God's Word. I believe every one of us should reach with all of our heart, soul and body for what is promised in this scripture. My family and I have made the quality decision to walk and live in God's love regardless of what the rest of the world does. By making that decision and praying that prayer, fear has been relieved of its duty and presence in our household. It's cast out! Praise God!

There Is No Fear in Love

The entire new covenant—all that it involves—is wrapped up in love. According to God's Word, we can walk in perfected love while we are here in this earth. God is love so love itself is already perfect, but we have to allow God to express His perfection in our lives. We do that by keeping His Word.

We saw in 1 John 4 that there is no fear in love, that perfect love casts out fear. *Walking in love will get rid of fear.* When you realize that you are walking in the commandment of God, there is nothing to be afraid of. Fear has no authority

over you.

A man born into this earth is filled with and ruled by fear, but a man with a recreated spirit is born of and filled with the love of God. When you were born again, you were born of love and there is no fear in love. When love entered, it cast that fear out of you. However, your heart will continue to receive, store and produce fear if fear is fed into it.

You have the substance of faith in your spirit.

But if you don't feed it with the Word of God, it will never develop. If you keep practicing fear, talking fear, living fear, the Word of God will be completely choked out of your spirit.

Fear is a spiritual force. When you talk fear, you get that spiritual power working to your disadvantage instead of to your advantage. Get rid of the fear. *If you have a sensation of fear around you, openly and boldly rebuke it on the spot.* Don't put up with it. Don't fool with it. *"Fear hath torment." Who,* in the Bible, is called the

"tormentor"? Satan. The Bible says we have not been given a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). When you are dealing with fear, you're dealing with a spirit.

I absolutely refuse to make myself available to any kind of spirit but the Holy Spirit of God and those that are in His allegiance. I will not make my body, my mind, my spirit or my words available to any evil force.

Whenever fear shows up, we should be so trained in the Word of God that we rebuke it, repel it and stand against it in every Bible form available. Fear is one of Satan's choice weapons.

Stop fear. Rebuke it. Renounce it. *Every time it crosses your mind, say out loud,* "I am redeemed from fear. Jesus delivered me from fear" (Galatians 3:13-14; Hebrews 2:15).

The Bible says:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report...think on these things (Philippians

4:8).

Take those good thoughts and say them.

Fear is fed, through your intellect, down into your spirit. Remember, fear is not natural to the believer. It comes from the outside in. In Matthew 6:28,31 Jesus said:

Why take ye thought for raiment?...Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

How do you *take a thought?* Just because a thought comes into your mind, you are not required to *take it,* or accept it. The Bible says:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). Jesus said, *"Take no thought, saying...."* How do you take a thought? By *saying* it. In Matthew 12:34, Jesus said, *"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."*

How do you get it down in your spirit? By saying it. You feed it from your mind into your spirit by taking the thought and saying it. Develop habits of *saying* the Word of God.

Stop practicing fear by using it in your daily conversation. It is not from God, so you don't need it.

Angelic Protection

In this realm of walking in God's love, there is a place of protection where God Himself is on the scene. Not only is He present, He is also very active. When Israel walked in the covenant of God and kept the commandments, they had nothing to fear. The Word of God says:

If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee.... The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways (Deuteronomy 28:1, 7).

Look at Hebrews 1.T3-14:

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

There is an unseen force of the presence of God encompassing you. You are surrounded by the unseen army of angels—God's ministering spirits—moving with you at all times. When you are walking in love, this angelic force can work best in your behalf—to protect you and see that the full armor of God works and that your prayer life is unhindered. When you walk in agreement with others, Jesus will be in the midst of that agreement to see that it comes to pass. *It is the force of Almighty God that will move people and change things.*

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but powerful through God to the pulling down of strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The angelic powers are a part of our weaponry. They are ministering spirits *sent forth* into the earth to minister for the heirs of salvation.

The word "salvation" in the New Testament has more than one meaning. We use it most of the time in the context of being born again. The word "save" means "to be put in a sound condition."

That is what happened when you were born again.

It also means "healing" and "material and temporal deliverance from danger."

We are heirs of God's deliverance, the deliverance wrought when He raised Jesus from the dead. We are delivered from the authority of darkness, from the regions of the damned and from the hand of Satan. Praise God!

In 2 Kings 6, the armies of the enemy surrounded the city where Elisha was. His servant said, *"Alas, my master! how shall we do?"* Elisha's answer was *"Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."* Then he prayed: *Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha (see verses 15-17).*

Elisha wasn't afraid. He knew the armies of God were there because his covenant with God promised they would be. He was walking by faith.

Hebrews 1:7 says, *"And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."*

Those angels did not suddenly come into existence when the servant saw them with his eyes.

They were there all the time. Elisha had already said, *There are more of us than there are of them.*

When you walk in the love of God, you are walking in the commandment of God. Psalm 103:20 says: *"Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word."* What is the one commandment of the New Testament, of the new covenant? The commandment of love. When you speak and act God's Word in love, you allow the angelic spirits to work in your behalf. If you don't, they won't!

Stay in love and agreement. First John 2:10 gives one of the benefits: *"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."* When you are walking in love, you are not going to stumble. You have God in you and around you. All the angels are garrisoned round about you to keep you from moving to the right or to the left.

When you respond in love, you make yourself vulnerable. That is why the angels are there. *"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone"* (Psalm 91:11-12). *When you walk in the power of love, you walk in a place of protection.*

God will see to you.

Psalm 91:1-4 says:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Make the decision now to walk in God's love.

Walk free from fear in every area of your life. Pray this prayer of dedication with me now: *Father, in the Name of Jesus, I ask You to open my eyes to any areas of fear in my life. I make the decision now and refuse to act on fear or practice it in any way. I believe that Your love will flow through me and I will handle every situation I encounter, with the wisdom of God.*

I confess that I am delivered from the law of sin and death. Fear, terror, torment, worry and oppression have no place in me. I keep the commandment of God's love and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

I am protected by the ministering angels of God. They keep me in all of my ways. For the love of God is made manifest in me, and I walk free from fear in every area of my life, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

This is the beginning of the greatest, highest quality of life you have ever known. Faith worketh by love! What's more, it will never end. *Forever!*

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). *I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans* 10:9-10: *"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.*

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). *I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). *In Jesus' Name.*

Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer.

You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become a part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).

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