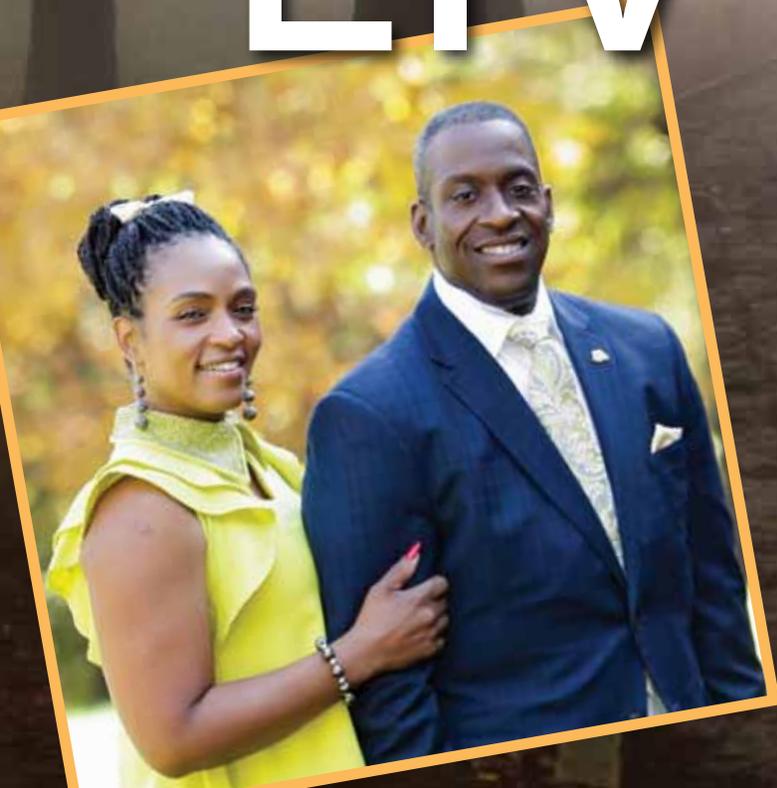


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By: Bishop Joel Peebles

There is a spirit that can cause torment in your life, robbing you of your peace, and keeping you from receiving God's best. It is the spirit of fear. This spirit is from the enemy, and can negatively affect your health, your mind, your very well being. It can keep you from walking in your full purpose, and can even attract the attacks of the enemy.

Job was a man of upright character who loved and lived for God. He had been blessed with perfect health, extreme wealth, a large family and lots of servants. Yet every day, rather than trust God to take care of his children, he walked in fear that they would succumb to sin and he would lose them. In one day, he lost it all. Throughout his time of suffering, he never lost his faith in God, and for that God rewarded him with a double portion of all that the enemy had stolen. However, because he daily fed his fear, satan used that to actually bring on the attack. *"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."* (Job 3:25) You see, fear opens the door for stress and worry, which eventually makes us vulnerable to sickness. It is satan's way of making our mind attack itself. But you are a child of God, so fear has no right to operate in your life. It can only operate if you give it permission.

God always has the answer, the antidote, the remedy to counteract the effects of fear. *"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* (2 Timothy 1:7) Faith is the powerful opposition to fear, and if you understand and have faith in God's love for you, fear cannot control your thoughts and actions, so it has no power over you. And His love lives in us, so *"there is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."* (1 John 4:18)

Focus on God's perfect love for you. His love will quiet your mind, and give you the confidence that you need to step out on faith, to make that next move, to be at peace in times of trouble. David said in Psalm 56, *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?"* One thing you must remember—because God is for you, no weapon formed against you can prosper. The spirit of fear is rendered powerless over you. The God of all the Universe has got your back. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9). Live free of all fear. The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.





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