

## SHOULD A CHRISTIAN BE AFRAID?

Isa 26:3; 2 Tim 1:7; 1 Pet 1:17; [Acts 2:43; 5:5; 5:11]. Ans depends on what kind of fear. 3 words.

I. Xn never cowardly. Mk 4:40 X scolds disc. X comforts disc, Jn 14:27. P urges Tim 2 Tim 1:7 (AD 67). v. 8. In times of persecution cowardice shows in Xns bec of old nature and in unbel; hence Rev 21:8. Deilia

II. Xn always reverent. Outside NT of careful, wary handling. Your reverence. Revere rel to wary. Noah, Heb 11:7. Simeon devout, Lk 2:25. Acts 2:5 devout Jews at Pentecost. Acts 8:2 devout buried Stephen. Best for last--X, Heb 5:7 prayer heard due devoutness, and learned obed thru suffering bec human, 8. Xn should serve pleasingly with rev and awe. <sup>Hdr 11:23</sup> Careful how we handle our rel to God and others. It's strong and fragile.

III. Xn should be struck with who God is and live accordingly.

Xn has no fear of death, condemnation, judgment (Heb. 2:15; 10:31).

Xn should fear be alarmed or stuck with God and live in awe 1 Pet 2:17

Parasailing. Ht, turn, pull ropes to let air to land. Don't hit hut.

(cf. v 9). Right kind of fear will show in various ways.

1. Submission to govt 2:13

2. Domestic and non-domestic prelatships, Eph 5:21-6:4. Wives, husbands, children, parents, slaves, masters.

3. Witness to unsaved, 2 Cor 5:10-11.

4. Experiencing all of God's provisions for Xn life, Heb. 4:1. Rest of sanct. How? No disobedience. Let Word penetrate. Ask Hpriest for help.

5. Fear char of church. Acts 2:43 Pentecost. Ch 5 Ananias and Sapp. 9:31, Jud, Sam Gal. 19:17 Eph. Clear view comes from not letting sin mask.