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# **"Freedom From Fear"**

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

## The Devil's Deception

Adam And Eve:

<u>Genesis 3:1</u>  $-^{1}$  "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "<u>Did God actually say</u>, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?""

<u>Genesis 3:10</u> - <sup>10</sup> "And he said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was <u>afraid</u>, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Jesus:

<u>Matthew 4:3</u> - <sup>3</sup> "And the tempter came and said to him, '<u>If</u> you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<u>Matthew 4:4</u> - <sup>4</sup> "But he answered, "<u>It is written</u>, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by <u>every word that comes from the mouth of God</u>.""

# **Poverty or Prosperity in the Promised Land**

Israelites:

<u>Numbers 13:27-28</u> –  $^{27}$  "And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. <u>It flows with milk and honey</u>, and this is its fruit.  $^{28}$  <u>However</u>, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there."

#### Joshua & Caleb:

<u>Numbers 14:8-9</u> - <sup>8</sup> "If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. <u>And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us.</u> Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

<u>Joshua 1:7-8</u> - <sup>7</sup> "Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but <u>you shall</u>

<u>meditate on it day and night</u>, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

#### Acknowledge Your Feelings:

**<u>Psalm 55:4-5</u>** - <sup>4</sup> "My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me."

#### Cry Out To God In Prayer:

**Psalm 55:16-17** - <sup>16</sup> "But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.<sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice."

#### **Recall God's Word and Continue To Trust Him:**

**Psalm 55:22-23**  $-^{22}$  "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. <sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you."

## **Spiritual Vitamins**

**IT IS WRITTEN** – <sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:31-33

**IT IS WRITTEN** – "So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." – Genesis 50:21

**IT IS WRITTEN** – "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

**IT IS WRITTEN** – "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." – 2 Timothy 1:7

**IT IS WRITTEN** – "But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31