

**Grace Bible Chapel**

Luke – Message #110

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

**Luke 12:4-7 – The Fear that Strengthens**

**V. Jesus' Journey Toward Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)**

**a. Ministry in Samaria, Bethany, and Judea (9:51-13:35)**

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xxii. The Rot & Ruin of False Light – Pts I & II (37-54)

xxiii. Preparing for Persecution: Beware the Leaven! (12:1-3)

xxiv. **The Fear that Strengthens** (4-7)

**Key Passage:** Luke 12:5

*“But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!”*

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I. The Crippling Fear – Fear of Men:** (v.4 – Jn 7:11-13, 9:13-31, 15:14-15, 18-19, 16:2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. The Correct Fear – Fear of God:** (v.5 – Prv 1:7, 9:10; Heb 10:31; Mt 13:40-42; Rev 20:15, 21:8; Heb 11:7) \_\_\_\_\_

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III. **The Comforting Fear – The Father’s Care:** (vv.6-7 – Mt 10:29-31, 1 Jn 4:16-18) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reflection Questions:**

1. When I feel pressure, criticism, or opposition for being a Christian, do I instinctively become silent or try to hide in order to protect myself?
2. Do I live Coram Deo, before the face of God, recognizing His authority over my life and eternity, or am I still mostly influenced by the fear of men?
3. When I think about God’s sovereign authority and righteous judgment, do I tremble rightly before Him while at the same time rest confidently in His fatherly love and care?
4. In moments of fear, suffering, or uncertainty, do I trust that my Father knows and cares for me, or do I live as though I am ultimately on my own?

**Heart Check:**

- When persecution rises, and allegiance to Christ becomes costly, the fear of man produces denial, but the fear of God produces steadfastness. What will I do if and when my faith is tested? Will my fear lead me to compromise or to bold and faithful confession of Christ?

*“We fear men so much because we fear God so little. One fear cures another.  
When man’s terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God.”*

William Gurnall