

*Fear No Evil*

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## **There are basically three types of fear:**

1. There is a godly fear.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10*

2. There is a wise fear.

*A lion has roared! Who will not fear? Amos 3:8*

3. There is an ungodly fear.

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJ*

## **What are the roots of fear?**

### **1. Fear comes from disobeying God. Gen 2:16-17**

*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."*

*Genesis 2:16-17*

- A. Sin brings separation.

- B. Separation brings fear.

### **2. Fear comes from feeling naked before God.**

*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.*

*Genesis 3:7*

- A. Sin causes us to become self-conscious.

- B. Sin causes us to try to cover up.

- C. Sin can't be covered by the fig leaves of the flesh.

### **3. Fear comes from a warped view of God.**

- A. God is for you, not against you.

*The LORD is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?  
The LORD is for me among those who help me. Psalm 118:6-7*

B. God wants to forgive you, not condemn you.

*For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in  
lovingkindness to all who call upon You. Psalm 86:5*

C. God wants you to come to Him, not hide from Him.

*"... and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life." John 5:40*

**God is asking one critical question, "Where are you?"**