

Dear God, I'm Afraid

Philippians 4:6-7



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Introduction: *A person has to be a little afraid or a little stupid these days.....*

I. FEAR OF GOD OR WORLDLY FEAR?

- A. What is the fear of the LORD? It is freedom! (Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 10:27; 15:16)
- B. What is worldly fear? It is paralysis. (Phil. 4:6a)
- *Grisha Sikalenko and the manure pile*

II. JESUS' DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID (Matthew 10:26-31)

- A. They were afraid of living for Jesus in a hostile world (v.26a)
- B. Jesus gave them words of comfort and challenge
 - 1. Fear not! You do not walk alone. (Vv. 26-27)
 - 2. Fear not! You are in God's hands. (V. 28)
 - 3. Fear not! You are precious to Him! (Vv. 29-31)

III. THE FEAR OF GOD DISPELS WORLDLY FEAR

- A. Fearing Him gives us *the peace that passes all understanding* (Phil. 4:6-7)
- B. The disciples took this to heart and changed the world (Matt. 10:27; Acts 17:6)
- C. God would have us learn this lesson in this season of Advent

Conclusion: *Yellowstone National Park's geyser – "Old Faithful"*