

SERMON OUTLINE DECEMBER 13, 2015

“Afraid?”

Philippians 4:6-7 and Matthew 10:26-31

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. (Philippians 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*
(Philippians 4:6-7)

B. The disciples took this to heart and changed the world
(Matthew 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”

