

Tomorrowland

Facing the Future without Fear

God Near...No Fear

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The First Time Fear is Mentioned

Genesis 3:1–10 (NKJV)

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 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 coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Fear: Emotional foreboding or dread of impending distress or misfortune.

-Sacks, S. D. (1988). *Fear*. In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 781). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

HOW MANY CHOICES ARE YOU MAKING, OR NOT MAKING, DUE TO FEAR?

IF FEAR WAS NOT A FACTOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

The Source of All Fear

Genesis 3:9 (NKJV)

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

God near, no fear. God afar, I am afraid!

Man sinned. God sought. They hid. God found.

God didn't call out for man out of ignorance or uncertainty, but out of love and His holiness.

CLOSENESS TO GOD

As Close as You _____ to Be

James 4:8 (NKJV)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Surrender Your _____

Romans 10:11 (NKJV)

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Genesis 2:25 (NKJV)

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Dictionary definition of shame: a painful emotion caused by a consciousness of guilt or shortcoming or impropriety.

Closeness to God Is _____

Acts 4:13 (NKJV)

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

ANSWERS:

1. WANT
2. SHAME
3. REAL