Breaking The Chains OF Fear

Outline – October 15, 2023 Numbers 13:30-33; John 16:32-33; 2 Timothy 1:7-9

We Are A World That Lives In Fear

I. What are we afraid of?

- A. The future
 - 1. The future for many is frightening
 - a. Nations against nations W.W. III
 - b. Nuclear exchange
 - c. Attacks on our homeland
 - d. Depletion of resources
 - e. Economic meltdown
 - 2. Perilous times will come
- B. Giants in our life/opposition
 - 1. Bigger, stronger
 - 2. Seek to destroy us
- C. Losing everything
 - 1. Family
 - 2. Friends
 - 3. Health
 - 4. Retirement/finances
 - 5. Life

II. What fear does to us

- A. Forgetfulness
 - 1. Forget who we are
 - 2. Forget who God is
 - 3. Forget our gifts and abilities
 - 4. Forget what God has done
 - 5. Forget His promises
- B. Feelings of failure
 - 1. Failed to live up to potential
 - 2. Failed to use our talents
 - 3. Failed to do what brings blessing
 - 4. Feel like failure, things didn't go our way
- C. Frailty (creates sickness in life)
 - 1. Hearts fail due to fear
 - 2. Fear is the chain that paralyzes us
 - 3. It is the sand in the machine

III. How do we break the chains of fear?

- A. By reading what God has said about the future
 - 1. We are afraid of the future because we can't see it

- 2. God has given us a glimpse into our future what He has for His people
- 3. Resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our future
- 4. We get to view life as a challenge, an adventure, not as a threat
- B. Fear is broken as the Holy Spirit is activated in your life
 - 1. You think in ways not thought of before
 - 2. Apply things you never applied before
 - 3. Recall things you had forgotten
 - 4. See things you missed before (Greater is He that is in you)
- C. God's love casts out fear
 - 1. Perfect love casts out fear
 - 2. If God be for me, who can be against me?
- D. God gives a sound mind that breaks chains of fear
 - 1. Able to see things in light of God's Word
 - 2. Life is 10% of what happens to us and 90% of how we respond to it
- E. Rest in God's plan
 - 1. There will be giants
 - 2. There will be rivers
 - 3. There will be enemies God has a plan

IV. What we must remember to break the chains of fear

- A. Fear is faith in the enemy
- B. Freedom is faith in Messiah
- C. The enemy is the one who is afraid
 - 1. All of Hell trembles at the Name you carry
- D. Perilous times are coming
 - 1. God has given us warning
 - 2. God has given us instruction

V. What is the blueprint for breaking chains of fear as we face perilous times?

- A. Be a watchman on the wall
- B. Stay under the blood of the Lamb
- C. Worship Him
- D. Love one another
- E. Use your talents
- F. Let your faith in Him break the chains
- G. Keep looking up

He Has Overcome So Will You As The Chains Of Fear Are Broken