

# FEAR

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**OFFICIAL**  
**PRAYER GUIDE - week 4**

# DAY 20 - “FEAR OF SUFFERING PERSECUTION”

We are children of the light. Light will never be able to mix with darkness. Either people will come to the light or they will reject the light. Sometimes the rejection of the light is so extreme, that persecution in the form of social stigma, torture, violence and even death comes to the followers of Jesus. Fear of suffering and persecution is a very real horror for many believers. There are few “new believers” who suddenly desire to die or suffer for their Faith. Even Jesus wrestled in earnest prayer at the garden of Gethsemane when His time drew near for His execution.

The Spirit of Fear also tricks Christians into comparing and competing. Some are given the impression that they are inferior Christians because they don't suffer like the Christians in other nations. Each season has its blessings and each season has its trials. Some trials can be light while others can be a battle between life and death. Every person must bear their cross and we should never be comparing ourselves to others. Do not even be troubled that your suffering is incomparable to other saints like Paul the Apostle. Our trials and suffering are not what gets us to heaven. Jesus died so we can get to heaven. Trials and suffering give us the opportunity for joy as they help us to

draw close to the Lord in intimacy. The good news is that Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33) our suffering will be long forgotten when we stand before His throne in glory. It will be worth it, beyond imagination.

### **Jesus explains the reality of persecution and suffering.**

Jesus tells us that God will bless and honour those who have been persecuted saying **“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”** Matthew 5:10 - 12.

In John 15:18-25 TPT Jesus says: **“Just remember, when the unbelieving world hates you, they first hated me. If you were to give your allegiance to the world, they would love and welcome you as one of their own. But because you won’t align yourself with the values of this world, they will hate you...”** – Please read the rest in your Bibles.

### **The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.**

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart so that you may know His supernatural peace. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you an eternal perspective – this life is temporary but the life to come is forever. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you deep love and commitment to King Jesus.

**The Bible helps us to understand that persecution and suffering is part of the normal Christian life. Read:**

**Matthew 10:26-33; 1 Peter 4:12-14; Luke 6:22;  
1 John 3:13; Romans 8:35; Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 4:19; 2  
Corinthians 4:8-12; 2 Timothy 3:12.**

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### **PRAYER REQUEST – KINGDOM CULTURE GLOBAL**

Dear Heavenly Father, Please hear the prayer requests of this ministry today. Grant them the desires of their hearts and ignite in the city of Pretoria a flame that will burst in the hearts who hunger and thirst after you!

1. Bonfire – We are experiencing some persecution concerning these events.
2. Keep praying for the men and women living on the streets, facing harsh conditions; for willingness to break addictions.
3. Street outreaches to be effective and “bring” God into people’s daily lives.
4. Wisdom, so that we will be good stewards of that which God places in our hands.
5. I will be studying again this coming term. That’s always exciting but challenging.
6. On a personal level; I’m praying through many things and would love for you to pray with me so that I make the best choices because I realise that what affects me, affects the ministry.

We ask for these things in Jesus name, Amen



## **DAY 21 - “FEAR OF END-TIMES”**

The Spirit of Fear uses the global propaganda machine (through media and social media) to get Christians all in knots about the end-times. This fear will manifest in our lives by the decisions we make and by the things we do. God has called our decisions and actions to be led by the Spirit of God and not by the Spirit of Fear.

Terrible times are coming upon the world but they are in punishment for the wicked. To live in fear of the end-times is to fear the punishment that is going to come upon our world which has chosen to live in darkness instead of coming to live in the light (see John 3:16-21). Many times people are consumed with the end times because their lives are not in alignment with God’s order. They feel fearful of Christ’s return because they have not cleaned up their lives, instead, prefer to live as they are for as long as possible.

**“Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love’s perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love’s perfection.”** 1 John 4:18 TPT

**Jesus warns us of the coming times...** In Luke 21:8 Jesus says **“Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will**

**come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them."**

The answer is simple – do not follow those who stir fear.

Give ear to those who inform us well. If you open your heart to those who sow fear, then you will reap it.

Matthew 24 and Luke 21 are chapters dedicated to the last days of the earth - before Christ's second return. In both chapters, Jesus admonishes his children at various times with phrases such as “do not worry” or “Do not be anxious”.

**The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.**

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you His love and peace and assurance. He is in control. His children will not be kept in the dark. His Spirit will lead us and guide us to the end.

**The Bible instructs us in many places about the end times.**

**Read: The books of Daniel, Ezekial, Revelation & 2 Timothy 3; 2 Thessalonians 2; Matthew 24; Luke 21.**

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### **PRAYER REQUEST – EAR2HEAR ADMIN**

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you that you set a good example for good stewardship. Please help us to reflect your values with regards to good stewardship at all times within our ministry.

Send us the help and wisdom we need to remain relevant.

We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.



## DAY 22 - “FEAR OF LETTING GO”

Letting go of the past is an important step toward forgiving those that offend us. Sometimes people hold on to the grudges of the past for so long that they do not know how to live in the fullness of forgiveness.

The Spirit of Fear deposits its lies in our hearts. He tries to convince us that if we let go of the past offences committed against us, that there will be no justice or hope for restitution. This is a half-truth. Because in this life, there may be little or no justice and there may be little or no restitution. BUT the time is coming where all will be judged for their actions by God! No one will escape responsibility. All will be held accountable. God is fair and God is just. Do not believe the Spirit of Fear that would tell you that there is no justice with God. We need to overcome the Spirit of Fear by working under the power of the Holy Spirit who gives us the ability to love & forgive others divinely. Romans 12:19-20 NLT says **“Dear friends, never take revenge.**

**Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD. Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads. Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”**

**Jesus shows us the way to freedom...** In Matthew 5:38-41, Jesus teaches the people saying **“Your ancestors have also been taught, ‘Take an eye in exchange for an eye and a tooth in exchange for a tooth.’ However, I say to you, don’t repay an evil act with another evil act. But whoever insults you by slapping you on the right cheek, turn the other to him as well. If someone is determined to sue you for your coat, give him the shirt off your back as a gift in return. And should people in authority take advantage of you, do more than what they demand”**.

**The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.**

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your past grudges & offences that you have not let go of yet. Ask the Holy Spirit for power to let go and forgive those who have offended and hurt you.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to do good to all.

**The Bible lessons for us. Read: Psalm 94:1-2; Proverbs 20:22; Hebrews 10:30; 1 Peter 3:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 18:21-22; Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:27-28; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Matthew 5:23-25.**

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**PRAYER REQUEST – PALM TREE LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Dear Heavenly, Father we ask you to bless PTLF as the leaders work in communities under challenging circumstances. In Jesus name, Amen.



## DAY 23 - "PHOBIAS"

Phobias can be rational or irrational fears of various things.

One of the most famous Phobias is Arachnophobia or "the fear of spiders". There is also Phobophobia or "The fear of fear". One of the funny ones is alektorophobia or "The fear of Chickens". We may want to laugh at how silly humans seem, we must remember that Phobias have a real source of trauma. Phobias can have a massive impact on quality of life and they can cause bouts of stress and anxiety attacks.

Phobias can also be a problem if we are looking to serve God and obey God. The Spirit of Fear knows how to use our phobias to work against us and make us ineffective. If God wants you to minister to men but you struggle with a Fear of Men or Androphobia for example. It will be difficult to obey God unless you deal with Phobia. This may require you to look back and see where there may have been harm caused by a man at some point in time. If the trauma is not debriefed, and if a person does not feel safe enough to work through the trauma, then the survival instincts will kick in every time a man comes into their space.

Similarly, many phobias from unresolved trauma work like this. We cannot expect people to "just get over their phobias". However, there is a healing road for those who are willing to open their hearts to God to heal their past trauma and then deal with the subsequent phobias. It takes

time, but look at the promise God makes to those who are willing to trust Him...

**“Listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”** Isaiah 43:1-3 NLT

**The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.** One of the functions of the Holy Spirit is to inspire us with supernatural boldness. This boldness overrides the most paralyzing fears if we are willing to fully surrender to the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit for Holy Boldness. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal you of past trauma’s causing your phobia. Ask the Holy Spirit to set you free of the phobia. Keep asking by faith till you see a victory.

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### **PRAYER REQUEST – PALM TREE LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Dear Heavenly Father, provide for all the needs of these leaders. They are faithful & diligent in the work they do. Reward them with your favour and divine grace.

In Jesus name, Amen.



# DAY 24 - “FEAR OF THE SPIRITUAL REALM”

The Spiritual realm can be a scary place for Christians if they have been poorly taught. They fear demons and manifestations of witchcraft to the point of hysteria. Many innocent men and women have been accused of witchcraft and killed. What injustice because of fear! This fear and hysteria are not of God. Many madmen over the centuries have used Bible scripture to justify murder in God’s name, as well as theft and other sinful acts.

Another area that frightens Christians is the renewal of the Church through the movement of the Holy Spirit. Some may hear “scary” stories about Chaos and disorder in the Church because of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Out of fear they reject every miracle and work of God if it is associated with the demonstration of the Holy Spirit’s power. You do not throw the Bible in the bin because of the minority who twist the Bible Scriptures. Likewise, why do we treat the Holy Spirit (who is God) as if He no longer serves a purpose or function in the Church because a fearful minority have not discerned correctly between a “move” of the Holy Spirit and a false spirit made manifest? The Bible tells us to judge people by the fruit they display. **“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,**

**goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control – there is no law against these things”** (Galatians 5:22).

**Jesus wants us to take the Spiritual realm seriously...**

Most of the fear for the Spiritual realm comes from a fear of accountability. There are fearful hearts who are afraid of the sovereign Holy Spirit who convicts all in the world of “sin, righteousness and judgment”. In Jesus’ day the religious, spiritually-dead, hypocrites tried to shut the voice of the Holy Spirit up; because the Holy Spirit worked through Jesus who challenged their inner darkness. In Matthew 12:30-31 NLT, Jesus made this serious statement **“Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is working against me. “So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven. Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come.”**

Another consideration that frightens Christians is demonic possession. Even though the Gospels demonstrate many clear examples of how to deal with this... the manifestation of dark spirits is one topic Christians will try to avoid. Jesus taught his followers: **“These miraculous signs will**

**accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages”** Mark 16:17. If you are a follower of Jesus, this is a promise by the Lord made to you.

**The Holy Spirit can comfort our hearts supernaturally.** Ask the Holy Spirit to forgive you for not taking the Spiritual realm more seriously. Ask the Holy Spirit for Godly insight and wisdom into the Spiritual realm. Ask Jesus to Baptise you with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to anoint you for His service.

**The Bible unlocks the Spiritual realm for us so we can be effective for His service. Read: Ephesians 6:10-19; Matthew 3:11; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8; Acts 19:1-6; Jude 1:20; Titus 3:5; Acts 4:31; Acts 10:44; John 14:16-17; Matthew 10:8; Mark 1:39; Mark 6:13; Matthew 10:1.**

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### **PRAYER REQUEST – Kingdom Vision Ministries**

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for this amazing ministry running the Qodesh Campsite. We pray that you would bless them with an open heaven over their property as they receive people from all walks of life. May they be an oasis to the broken and tired. Bless the Van Biljon family as they continue to serve you. Show them your Grace & Glory.

In Jesus name, Amen.



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