



Fear Not

Isaiah 43:1-5



To Fear or Not to Fear...

We are told to Fear God.

- ▶ Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- ▶ Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

We are repeatedly told to “Fear Not.”

- ▶ 33 Occurrences in the ESV Translation
- ▶ Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Our Fears/Anxiety

Israel's Fears (facing judgement & exile)

- ▶ Has God abandoned them?
- ▶ What is their identity?
- ▶ How will they survive in exile?

Our Fears

- ▶ How will I face the challenges?
- ▶ What is my future?



Truths that Challenge Our Fears

Isaiah 43:1-5 presents truths that challenge our fears.

1. Confidence in the One Who Speaks
2. “I Have Redeemed You”
3. “I Have Called You By Name” / “You are Mine”
4. “I Am With You”



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Confidence in the One Who Speaks

The Call to “Fear Not” is not dependent upon our circumstances, but upon the One who calls us.

God is acting to care for us and fulfill His purposes.





“I Have Redeemed You”

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Redeem: bring something into safety, sometimes – a payment of a ransom...



“I Have Redeemed You”

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ **for you were bought with a price.** So glorify God in your body.

Jesus paid the ultimate price to ransom us.



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