

2012 AND THE END TIMES  
"Part Six"

**I. Opening Thoughts:**

A. One word summary of the past decade is the word **fear**.

*LUKE 21 25-27 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

B. *Medical science now recognizes that between **60** and **90%** of our sicknesses are caused by such emotions as fear, sorrow, envy, resentment, hatred." (John Hunter in his book 'Knowing God's Secrets' writes)*

C. One of the first evidences you see of **sin** is fear.

*Genesis 3:9-10, "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

D. Instead of letting our fears handle us, we need to learn to **handle** our fears.

**II. Several descriptions of fear**

*2 Tim 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."*

A. The Bible describes several kinds of fear.

1. There is a **healthy** fear.
2. There is a **holy** fear.

*Deut 6:13, "You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him,"*

*Prov. 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."*

*Hebrews 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

B. There are **hurtful** fears.

*Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man brings a snare." (I John 4:18; Romans 8:15)*

1. Hurtful fears:
  - a. **Victimize**
  - b. **Neutralize**
  - c. **Monopolize**

d. **Immobilize**

C. Fear keeps us from **stepping** out for Christ.

*LUKE 19: 21 "I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth:"*

**III. Spiritual Constraint Of Fear**

*Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord and He answered me, He delivered me from all my fears."*

*Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid I will trust in you."*

*Psalm 27:1 the Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid.*

A. The way to face the future without fear;

1. Is to let God become The source of your **sufficiency**.
2. And the source of your **security**.

**IV. Action Points**

A. Remember we have the comfort of His **protection**.

*Hebrews 13:6 "So say with confidence. The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid what can man do to me."*

*Jeremiah 29:11 "Is one of my favorite verses, for I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans that prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."*

1. Remember we have the comfort of His **presence**.

*Psalm 118:6, "The Lord is with me I will not be afraid, what can man do to me.*

*Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."*

*Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me inner strength."*

*Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*Jude 1:24-25 "To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."*

2. Remember we have the comfort of His **power**.

*Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you".*

*John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."*

*Luke 21:34-36 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."*