

Fear Not, do not be afraid

People fear all sorts of strange and perhaps trivial things. But what do you fear? What are your greatest, deepest, most horrifying fears? Fear of loss? Fear of losing something or someone? Fear of the future? Fear of humiliation or failure? Fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s judgement? Fear of death? Fear of eternal judgement? What do you fear?

Fear from obedience or Fear from disobedience H3372 Yare (yaw-ray); a primitive root; to fear; more to revere; honor, cause to frighten; to stand in awe of; to be afraid of; From Yare (H3373) to fear; revere, reverence, dreadful. The word picture of the Hebrew letters tells us that you will fear the hand that you see.

Fear means: To be afraid of; to have a strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger; the flowing or quivering of the gut from fear or awe; to dread what is terrible or revere what is respected.

1. **Genesis 15:1** – After this, the word of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) came to Abram in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.’

2. **Genesis 26:24** – That night **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) appeared to him and said, ‘I am the Aluah (God) of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will Barach (Bless) you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.’

3. **Genesis 46:3** – ‘I am **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the Aluah (God) of your father,’ he said. ‘Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.’

4. **Genesis 50:21** – ‘So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.’ And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

5. **Exodus 14:13** – Moshe (Moses) answered the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will bring you today.’

6. **Exodus 20:20** – Moshe (Moses) said to the people ‘Do not be afraid. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has come to test you, so that the fear of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will be with you to keep you from Sinning.’

7. **Leviticus 26:6** – I will grant Shalum (peace) in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.

8. **Number 14:9** – Only do not rebel against **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is with us. Do not be afraid of them.

9. **Deuteronomy 1:17** – Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

10. **Deuteronomy 1:21** – See, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the Aluah (God) of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

11. **Deuteronomy 3:22** – Do not be afraid of them; **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) you Aluah (God) himself will fight for you.

12.**Deuteronomy 7:18** – But do not be afraid of them; remember well what **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

13.**Deuteronomy 31:6** – ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.’

14.**Deuteronomy 31:8** – ‘**אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.’

15.**Joshua 1:9** – ‘Have I not Commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) will be with you wherever you go.’

16.**Joshua 10:8** – **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) said to Yahusha (Joshua), ‘Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.’

17.**Joshua 10:25** – Yahusha (Joshua) said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.’

18.**Judges 6:23** – But **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) said to him, ‘Shalum (Peace)! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.’

19.**II Kings 6:16** – ‘Don’t be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’

20.**I Chronicles 22:13** – Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and Torah (instructions/laws) that **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) gave to Moshe (Moses) for Yisrael. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

21.**I Chronicles 28:20** – David also said to Solomon his son, ‘Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) Aluah (God), my Aluah (God), is with you.

22.**II Chronicles 20:15** – This is what **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) says to you: “Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah)’s”.

23.**II Chronicles 20:17** – “You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) will give you, Yahudah (Judah) and Yerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

24.**Job 5:21** – You will be protected from the lash of the tongue, and need not fear when destruction comes.

25.**Job 11:15** – then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear.

26.**Job 21:9** – Their homes are safe and free from fear; the rod of **אֱלֹהֵינוּ** (Yahuah) is not on them.

27.**Psalms 3:6** – I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.

28.**Psalms 4:8** – In Shalum (peace) I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, **אֱלֹהֵינוּ**

(Yahuah), make me dwell in safety.

29. **Psalm 16:7-9** I will Hallu (praise) אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

30. **Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

31. **Psalm 27:1** אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is my light and my Salvation – whom shall I fear? אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

32. **Psalm 27:3** – Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

33. **Psalm 29:11** – אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) gives strength to his people; אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) Barachs (blesses) his people with Shalum (peace).

34. **Psalm 46:2** – Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

35. **Psalm 56: 3-4** – When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), whose word I Hallu (praise) – in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

36. **Psalm 56:11** – in אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) I trust and shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

37. **Psalm 78:53** – He guided them safely, so they were unafraid; but the sea engulfed their enemies.

38. **Psalm 91:5** – You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

39. **Psalm 94:19** – When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

40. **Psalm 118:6** – אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

41. **Psalm 119:165** – Great Shalum (peace) have those who love your Torah (instructions/law), and nothing can make them stumble.

42. **Proverbs 3:24** – When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

43. **Proverbs 3:25** – Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked.

44. **Ecclesiastes 11:10** – So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigour are meaningless.

45. **Isaiah 8:12** ‘Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.’

46. **Isaiah 12:2** – Surely אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is my Salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my Salvation.’

47.**Isaiah 26:3** – You will keep in perfect shalom (peace) those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

48.**Isaiah 35:4** – say to those with fearful hearts, ‘Be strong, do not fear; your Aluah (God) will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.’

49.**Isaiah 40:9** – You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Yerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Yahudah (Judah), ‘Here is your Aluah (God)!’

50.**Isaiah 41:10** – So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your Aluah (God). I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

51.**Isaiah 41:13** – For I am אֲנִי־אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’

52.**Isaiah 41:14** – ‘Do not be afraid, you worm Yaacob, little Yisrael, do not fear, for I myself will help you’ declares אֲנִי־אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), your Redeemer, the Kadosh (Holy) One of Yisrael.

53.**Isaiah 43:1** – But now, this is what אֲנִי־אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) says – he who created you, Yaacob, he who formed you, Yisrael: ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by Name; you are mine.’

54.**Isaiah 43:5** – Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

55.**Isaiah 44:2** – This is what אֲנִי־אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) says – he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: do not be afraid, Yaacob, my servant, Yisrael, whom I have Chosen.

56.**Isaiah 44:8** – Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any Aluah (God) besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one (1).’

57.**Isaiah 51:7** – ‘Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults’

58.**Isaiah 54:4** – ‘Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.’

59.**Isaiah 54:14** – In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

60.**Jeremiah 1:8** – ‘Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,’ declares אֲנִי־אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)

61.**Jeremiah 10:5** – Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do you no harm nor can they do any good.’

62. **Jeremiah 17:8** – They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.’

63. **Jeremiah 42:11** – Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you now fear. Do not be afraid of him, declares **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), for I am with you and will save you and deliver you from his hands.

64. **Jeremiah 46:28** – Do not be afraid, Yaacob my servant, for I am with you; declares **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). ‘Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only in due measure; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.’

65. **Jeremiah 51:46** – Do not lose heart or be afraid when rumours are heard in the land; one (1) rumour comes this year, another the next, rumours of violence in the land and of ruler against ruler.

66. **Ezekiel 3:9** – I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people.

67. **Daniel 10:12** – Then he continued, ‘Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first (1st) day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your Aluah (God), your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.’

68. **Daniel 10:19** – ‘Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,’ he said. ‘Shalum (Peace)! Be strong now; be strong;’ When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, ‘Speak , my Adon (lord), since you have given me strength.’

69. **Haggai 2:5** – “This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Ruach (Spirit) remains among you. Do not fear.”

70. **Zechariah 8:13** – ‘Just as you, Yahudah (Judah) and Yisrael, have been a curse among the nations, so I will save you and you will be a barachah (blessing). Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.’

71. **Malachi 3:5** – So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me’, says **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) Almighty.

72. **Matthew 1:20** – But after he had considered this, an Malak (Angel) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) appeared to him in a dream and said ‘Yoseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Ruach HaKodesh.’

73. **Matthew 10:26** – ‘So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.’

74. **Matthew 10:31** – So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

75. **Matthew 14:27** – But **וַיֹּשֶׁעַ** (Yahusha) immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’

76. **Matthew 17:7** – But **וַיֹּשֶׁעַ** (Yahusha) came and touched them. ‘Get up,’ he said. ‘Don’t be afraid.’

- 77.**Mark 5:36** – Overhearing what they said, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) told him, ‘Don’t be afraid; just believe.’
- 78.**Mark 6:50** – because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’
- 79.**Luke 1:30** – But the malak (angel) said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with **AYAZL** (Yahuah).’
- 80.**Luke 8:50** – Hearing this, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said to Jairus, ‘Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.’
- 81.**Luke 12:7** – Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- 82.**Luke 12:32** – ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.’
- 83.**John 12:15** – ‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt’
- 84.**John 14:27** – Shalum (Peace) I leave with you; my shalum (peace) I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- 85.**John 16:33** – ‘I have told you these things, so that in me you may have shalum (peace). In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.’
- 86.**Acts 18:9** – One night **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) spoke to Paul in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.’
- 87.**Romans 5:1** – Therefore, since we have been justified through amanah (faith), we have shalum peace with **AYAZL** (Yahuah) through our adon (Lord) **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.
- 88.**Hebrews 13:6** – So we say with confidence, ‘**AYAZL** (Yahuah) is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’
- 89.**Philippians 4:6** – Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to **AYAZL** (Yahuah).
- 90.**I Peter 3:6** – like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her adon (lord). You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.
- 91.**I Peter 3:14** – But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are baruach (blessed). ‘Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.’
- 92.**1 John 4:18** – There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- 93.**Revelation 1:17** – When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: ‘Do not be afraid. I am the First (1st) and the Last.’
- 94.**Revelation 2:10** – Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, HaSatan (the devil) will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer

persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

So אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) reassures his people. For a time they will suffer his punishment. They will face many horrific situations. But אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) will not abandon them. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; **Isaiah 43:2**. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Belonging to אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah): foundations of fearlessness

But how are אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people going to know that all of this is not just wishful thinking? He gives them concrete truths to build their amanah (faith) on; solid reasons not to be fearful.

There are six aspects in which אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people belong to him.

First (1st), he reminds his people that they belong to him because they are created. Of course, אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) created everything, and that gives him the right of ownership over every soul on the earth. But in a special sense he formed his people over and above everything else.

Second (2nd), אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people belong to him because they are redeemed. Fear not, for I have redeemed you... To redeem something means to pay a price to get it back.

The exact historical references here are debated. But אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s intention is clear: no price is too great for אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) to pay to redeem his people; He is able and willing to do so and he did, he gave his Son to redeem his chosen believers.

Third (3rd), אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people are called and chosen. Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned [or called] you by name....

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) takes all the initiative with his people. He summons and calls them. They haven't approached him, begging to be his people; he has summoned them and made them his people.

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people had no role in their creation. אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people had no role in their redemption. אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) started all this by his call. So their existence doesn't depend on their efforts or their circumstances, only on אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s sovereign initiative. Which is a great comfort to a feeble and sinful people.

Fourth (4th), אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people belong to him in relationship. Fear not... you are mine. אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people belong to him for the reasons we have seen.

But it's not all one way. For I am אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), your Aluah (God), the Kadosh (Holy) One of Yisrael, your Saviour. Notice the personal references. "I am אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), YOUR Aluah (God)".

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) said, you are mine. Here he says, I am yours. אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)'s people belong to him, and he belongs to them. This is not a master-slave relationship. It's more like a marriage: a mutual commitment to one to another. They are his people, and He is their Aluah (God).

Fifth (5th), his people are loved. We see that this relationship is no mere formality, Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you. אֱלֹהִים

(Yahuah)'s passion for his people is breathtaking. In his sight they are precious and honoured and he simply loves them!

They have done absolutely nothing to deserve this love. The Tanakh (OT) Yisrael was rarely lovely, and almost never faithful. But nevertheless, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) loved them! He knows all their faults and blemishes, yet, like a bridegroom on his wedding day, he sees his bride only as precious and glorious, and he loves her.

Sixth (6th), his people belong to him because they are adopted. אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) calls his people his sons and daughters. Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth. He has actually declared them family. he has adopted them and changed their name to his: אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) said: they are called by my Name.

So, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s people belong to him in all these ways. They are created, redeemed, called & chosen, in relationship, loved and adopted. These are the grounds for his Command; Do not be afraid.

Whatever floods and fires and flame the people of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) have to face, he will never give up on them: Fear not... you are mine. He is with them throughout: Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

In OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha): fearlessness fulfilled

The prohibition uttered more frequently than any other by OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha) is the command, “Fear not ...” He said this so often to His disciples and others He encountered that it almost came to sound like a greeting. Where most people greet others by saying “Hi” or “Hello,” the first words of OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha) often were “Fear not.”

Why? Perhaps OWYָּהוָה (Yahusha)'s preference for those words grew out of His acute sense of the thinly veiled fear that grips all who approach the living Aluah (God). We fear His power, we fear His wrath, and most of all we fear His ultimate rejection.

The assurance we need the most is the assurance of Salvation. Though we do not like to think much about it or contemplate it deeply, we know if only intuitively that the worst catastrophe that could ever befall us is to be visited by אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s final punitive wrath.

Many believe that assurance of eternal Salvation is neither possible nor even to be sought. Yet, if אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) declares that it is possible to have full assurance of Salvation and even Commands that we seek after it, then it would be supremely arrogant for one to deny or neglect it. In fact, אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) does command us to make our calling and election sure: “Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall.” **2 Peter 1:10.**

This command admits of no justifiable neglect. It addresses a crucial matter. The question, “Am I truly Saved?” This is one of the most important questions I can ever ask myself. I need to know the answer; I must know the answer. This is not something of little value, substance, or importance. Without the assurance of Salvation the believers life is unstable. It is vulnerable and allows the wolf of heresy to camp on the doorstep. Progress in sanctification requires a firm foundation in Amanah (faith). Assurance is the cement of that foundation. Without it, the

foundation crumbles.

How, then, do we receive assurance? The Scripture declares that the Ruach HaKodesh bears witness with our Ruach (spirit) that we are the children of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). This inner testimony of the Ruach HaKodesh is as vital as it is complex. The Ruach (Spirit) gives His testimony with the Word and through the Word, never against the Word or without the Word.

Through Isaiah, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) says to his chosen believers, Fear not, you are mine, and, Do not be afraid for I am with you. And we can be completely confident of that because of Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha).

I just want to touch all too briefly on each of these six encouragements from אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) again to see how they apply to us in Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha).

First (1st), Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) says to Peter, on this rock I will build my body of believers, and the gates of gehenna will not overcome it.

Second (2nd), Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) has redeemed us. Ultimately, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) did not exchange people for us, he exchanged a person, his Son. **1 Peter 1:18**, For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of HaMashiach (The Messiah), a lamb without blemish or defect.

Third (3rd), Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) calls us. Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) takes the initiative in our lives. It was he who said "follow me". Not because of anything we had done, but simply for his own sake. **Romans 1:6**, you also are among those who are called to belong to Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

Fourth (4th), Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) is the content and ground of our relationship with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). In **John 14:20**, Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) says, On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. We are in him and he is in us. We belong to him, but he also belongs to us. We have an intimate relationship with Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha).

Fifth (5th), it is in Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) that we truly know we are loved. There are so many verses I could go to to demonstrate this point. But how about this, This is how אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) showed his love among us: He sent his one (1) and only Son into the world that we might live through him, **1 John 4:9**.

Sixth (6th), in Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha), we are adopted as אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s children. **Galatians 3:26** You are all sons of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) through amanah (faith) in Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

When in our lives we pass through flood or fire or flame, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s word to us is Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and the guarantee of that word is Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha). Every word of comfort אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) speaks to his people through Isaiah is deepened and strengthened to us in Oװַיָּאֵל (Yahusha).

Perhaps the best summary of all of this is the famous passage in **Romans 8**. Who shall separate us from the love of Mashiach (Messiah)? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither Malakym (angels) nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all

creation, will be able to separate us from the love of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) that is in אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha) HaMashiach our Adon (lord). Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) never promises us an easy, comfortable or pain-free life in this world. This world is a harsh place to live in and there are many things to fear. But, in אֱלֹהֵינוּ (Yahusha), אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) promise not to abandon us. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Our best weapon against fear in our lives is our Scriptures. אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) comforted his people by his word through Isaiah; he comforts us by all his words in the scriptures.

The Fear of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)

Matthew 10:28 – Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in gehenna (everlasting fire, which is the 2nd death).

Luke 12:4-5 – ‘I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.’ **5** But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear the One who, after you have been killed, has power to throw you into gehenna (everlasting fire, which is the 2nd death). Yes, I tell you, fear Him!

Do you know what it truly means to Fear אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)? Many do not realize that we are actually commanded to fear Him. This fear keeps us in submission to His Torah (instructions) and it also keeps His favor upon our lives.

The Fear of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) means: to have a reverential awe of (fear of) אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah).

Fear is an abstract concept, but the Hebrew words translated as "fear" have a more concrete definition behind them. The first (1st) root we will examine is pachad (paw-kkad') [H6342]. Fear (pachad [H6342] - noun) came upon me, and trembling, and caused all my bones to shake (pachad [H6342] – verb). **Job 4:14**

In this verse, the word "fear" is the noun pachad [H6343] meaning "shaking," while the word "shake" is the verb pachad [H6342] meaning "to shake."

The second (2nd) Hebrew root is H3372 Yare (yaw-ray): a primitive root; to fear; more to revere; honor, cause to frighten; to stand in awe of; to be afraid of; fear. From Yare (H3373) to fear; revere, reverence, dreadful.

In the following verse, we will see that this verb means "fear" in the sense of what we would consider fear.

And he said, I heard your voice in the garden and I feared (H3372 Yare (yaw-ray) because I was naked and I hid myself. **Genesis 3:10**

In the next verse, we see the same Hebrew word in a more positive context.

You will revere (H3372 Yare (yaw-ray) אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) your Aluah and you will serve him and in his Name you will swear. **Deuteronomy 6:13**

Many would conclude from these two (2) passages this Hebrew word has two (2) different meanings, fear and reverence. This assumption is made with many Hebrew words, but this is caused by an understanding of the Hebrew vocabulary from a

non-Hebraic perspective. Each Hebrew word has only one (1) meaning but can have different applications. The literal concrete meaning of Yare is a "flowing of the gut," which can be applied to "fear" or "reverence. Essentially, this "flowing of the gut" feeling is to be in the presence of something so amazing that you could feel it in your body. False fear can be found in your body too. But Yare feels different. " Have you ever been so scared or been in the presence of something so amazing that you could feel it in your gut? This "feeling" is the meaning of this word. The Hebrews were emotional people, and in many cases their words are describing a "feeling," rather than an "action."

The fear (Yirah (yir-aw' -H3374) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Kadosh (holy) is understanding. **Proverbs 9:10**

The word "fear" in the this verse is the noun Yirah (yir-aw') (H3374), derived from the verb Yarah. The common understanding of this verse is if one is afraid of or in great awe of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), he will have wisdom, but as we shall see, this is not consistent with its use in the Hebrew language. The Hebrew for "fear of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)" (as found in the verse above) is written with two (2) nouns, Yirat **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) (Yirat is a feminine noun ending with the letter ה (He), such as Yirah, is used in the construct state, the ה (He) is converted to a ת (Tav), in this case it becomes Yirat. When a noun precedes another noun, the first (1st) noun is in the construct state, meaning it is connected to the second (2nd) noun, the two (2) words together forming one concept. An example of a construct noun can be found in the phrase Malkut Alahym (kingdom of God)." Notice the first (1st) noun, "kingdom," belongs to the second (2nd) noun, "Alahym (God)."

Below is a complete list of construct phrases from the book of Genesis where the second (2nd) word in the construct is "**יְהוָה** (Yahuah)."

- The Voice of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 3:8**
- The Face of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 4:16**
- The Name of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 4:26**
- The Eyes of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 6:8**
- The Garden of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 13:10**
- The Word of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 15:1**
- The Malak (Angel) of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 16:7**
- The Way of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 18:19**
- The Mount of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Genesis 22:14**

Notice in every instance the first (1st) word in the construct (voice, word, etc) belongs to the second (2nd) word of the construct (**יְהוָה** (Yahuah)). So, why do we think the word "fear" in the construct phrase "fear of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)" is "our" fear and not **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s? We know **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) cannot "fear," but as pointed out previously, the Hebrew verb Yare literally means "to flow out of the gut." Now the question becomes, "What flows out of the gut of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)?"

Let's look at two (2) other constructs, which will shed some light on what "the fear of

אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah)" might be.

But his delight is in the Torah (instruction/law) of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) ; and in his Torah (instructions/law) does he meditate day and night **Psalm 1:2**

The Hebrew for "the Torah (instruction/law) of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah)" is torat אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah). We previously defined the word torah (H8451) (Torat is the construct form of the feminine noun torah) as teachings or instructions. It is derived from the verb Yarah (H3384) meaning "to throw" (in the sense of flowing) and is closely related to the verb Yare which we are currently examining. Not only are they related in the sense both are from the same parent root, Yar, but they are also related by definition.

The second (2nd) construct is found in **Judges 3:10**. And the Ruach (Spirit) of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) came upon him...

In the construct Ruach of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) we find the word Ruach, meaning wind (another type of "flowing"), which can also mean the character of an individual.

What flows out of the gut of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah)? His Torah (instructions/teachings) and his character. Now, let's take another look at **Proverbs 9:10**, but this time from a Hebrew perspective.

The flowings (torah) Yirah - the instructions/teachings and character (Ruach) of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom (H2451 chokmah (khok-maw') - the ability to distinguish between good and bad): and an intimate relationship with the special one is understanding.

A primary and basic element in the fear of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) is revelation.

Deuteronomy 4:1-15 opens with a call to Yisrael to hold tight to the words of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) (v.1-3), which is equivalent to clinging to אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) Himself (v.4-5). Moshe (Moses) stresses that it is the possession of this verbal revelation which is both their national wisdom and their point of distinction (v.6-8). So they must hold fast the words and the memory of their encounter with אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) (v.9-10).

Deuteronomy 4:10 reads: "...the day that you stood before אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) your Aluah (God) at Horeb, אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'"

From this verse and the larger context I isolate two (2) observations:

1. "Fear" here clearly is not merely an emotion—or else I think that the fire and all (v.11) would have done the trick.
2. "Fear" here is something that must be learned, and that requires revelation from אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah). אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) Commanded that the people hear His words "so that they may learn to fear" Him, and that they might teach the fear of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) to their children.

And then we see in verses (12-14) where אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) Himself directs the spotlight in that entire encounter. Darkness, clouds, fire, the very voice of אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah). Is that where אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) fixes their attention? No. In fact, אִיָּהוָה (Yahuah) expressly says, "You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was

only a voice” (v. **12b**). He goes on to relate at length the fact that He revealed and inscribed the Ten (10) Commandments (v. **13**) and Commanded Moshe (Moses) to teach them “Statutes and Rules” that they might do them (v. **14**).

There was no form, only the word of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) (v. **15**). אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) emphasizes His word, and specifically stresses that He spoke to them, that He rendered Himself quotable. Therefore, if anyone wishes to learn to fear אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) today, he will not chase off after reports of supernatural outbreaks here and there. Instead, he will open his Scripture, and he will pray that אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) opens his heart to hear His voice speaking through it, and will teach him to fear אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) thereby (**Psalms 119:18; Hebrews 3:7**).

The point comes up again in **Deuteronomy 31:9–13**, where Moshe (Moses) Commanded the Levites to read the Word of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) to the people at their national assembly “in order that they may hear and learn and fear אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) your Aluah (God), and be careful to observe all the words of this Torah (instructions/law)” (v. **12**, emphases added), and that their children may also hear, and learn to fear אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) (v. **13**).

What אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) stresses is the reading of His Word as essential to Yisraelites coming to fear Him.

Deuteronomy 31:13 is worth further emphasis, in that אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) expressly declares that this is how the children “who have not known” would learn to fear Him. “Have not known” what? In context, they have not known His miraculous deeds (**11:2**). By saying this, אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is indicating that the truth and power of His Word are sufficient, not only sufficient, but superior.

Leviticus 19:32; 25:17, 35 & 36, 43... Fear of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is a Commandment. Fear (H3372) ‘Aluah אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) made Solomon an extremely wise man, and part of the Knowledge tells us to be in the fear (H3374) of אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) all day long **Proverbs 23:17; Deuteronomy 5:28 & 29**.

אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) has said that it would be well with us and our children forever **Proverbs 10:27; 19:23**...if we fear (H3372) Him (**Jeremiah 32:36-40**...if we fear (H3372) Him, we will not turn aside. **Deuteronomy 6:1 & 2, 13, 24 & 25; 8:5 & 6; 10:12 & 13, 20; 13:4; 14:22 & 23; 17:14-19**...Fearing (H3372) אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) is walking in the Torah.

Jeremiah 32:39 I will Give them one (1) Heart and one (1) way, that they may Fear Me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

Jeremiah 32:40 I Will make with them an Everlasting Covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the Fear of ME in their hearts, that they may not turn from ME.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Yisrael after those days, declares אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah): I will put my Torah (instructions/law) within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their Aluah (God), and they shall be my people. **Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16, Hebrews 8:10**

Deuteronomy 6:24 אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) Commanded us to obey all these decrees and to Fear אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) our Aluah the Almighty-One, so that we might always prosper

and be kept alive.

Deuteronomy 25:17-19 ...Those that do not fear (H3373) אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) are ruthless and cold...Amalaq did not fear אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah): his remembrance was blotted out from under Shamyim (Heavens).

Psalms 86:11 Teach me your way, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), that I may rely on Your Trustworthiness; give me an undivided heart, that I May Fear Your Name.

In **Proverbs 15:33**, the fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is described as the "discipline" or "instruction" of wisdom.

Believers are not to be scared of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah). We have no reason to be scared of Him. We have His promise that nothing can separate us from His love (**Romans 8:38-39**). We have His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us (**Hebrews 13:5**). Fearing אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) means having such a reverence for Him that it has a great impact on the way we live our lives. The fear of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is respecting Him, obeying His Torah (instructions/teachings), submitting to His discipline, and worshipping Him in awe.