

# Overpowering Fear

## *How to conquer fear through fearing God*

### **Sermon Questions**

1. Circle all the ways in which fear negatively influences our society (and us) today:

Creates panic and anxiety

Fuels conflict and division

Breeds apathy and isolation

Foments tyranny

Incites pessimism

Crippling cowardice

2. What are two major fears today? \_\_\_\_\_ and rejection.

3. Jesus loved the Pharisees and lawyers by telling them the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Men can only attack the body (what is physical) but they cannot touch the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Some foolishly trade their soul for earthly comforts, fame, and fortune. (Yes/No)

6. Fear of men is only overcome with a great fear—the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.

7. What does it mean to fear God? (circle the best answer)

i. To be terrified of his severe judgment.

ii. To tremble at his love, grace, and compassion.

8. God's knowledge of sparrows and hair demonstrate that he \_\_\_\_\_.

9. List the three ways in which we grow to overcome the fear of men:

i. Remember their \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Look to Christ as Savior and \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. Cultivate a \_\_\_\_\_ for God (by considering his \_\_\_\_\_ for you).

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. How have you seen fear in your life? Has its effects produced some of the negative influences recounted in the sermon? Share these with someone else and pray together.
2. Who are the people in your life that you fear and are tempted to be hypocritical? Employer? Co-workers? Parents? Family? How ought you to see them in light of Jesus' teaching here?
3. A fearless of men (due to a greater fear of God) usually results in an ability to speak truth (like Jesus in Luke 11). What truth do you need to share to others in your life and when will you share it?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

## Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about God today? \_\_\_\_\_

What words did you not know today? \_\_\_\_\_

