

It could be said that, in 2020, this is “the summer of fear.”

Between the pandemic and all the unrest, I’m wondering if our masks can offer proper protection from everything that might harm us. On the other hand, I’m so very thankful for all those who are on the front lines to serve, protect, and defend us all. I never like scary movies of any kind. I don’t like to be frightened, fearful, or worried. It is understandable and quite normal to be concerned. In and of itself, fear is not wrong. It is about how we handle it. The scriptures have so much to say on the subject. So, let’s consider God’s counsel to Isaiah, His chosen prophet.

Replace your fear with *the joy of fearing God

God reassures Isaiah with His hand upon him (v.11)

Rethink your attitude about...

- ***conspiracies (v.12)***

- ***fear***

Remember, the Lord is holy (v.13)

- ***Let Him be your fear***

- ***Let Him be your sanctuary (v.14)***

Preserve this message for my followers (v.16)

Personal Applications and Conversations

1. Complete the sentence, “I’m afraid....” with your most likely initial thoughts.
2. What thoughts would have distracted you if you had been standing in the prophet’s shoes?
3. How has your tranquility been disturbed by the many conspiracies swirling all about us?
4. While some silly “conspiracy theories” might provide us with a good laugh or two, what did God want Isaiah to understand, and what is your takeaway from His message to the prophet?
5. In what ways have you already experienced “the joy of fearing God”?
6. What is your personal take away from God’s command to Isaiah to “bind up the testimony” (i.e., preserve this message)?



Replace Your Fear with Joy

Isaiah 8:11-17

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