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**Lesson Series: The Nature Of Fear**

Lesson Series Text: (2 Tim. 1:1-9)

**Lesson 3: Perfect Love Casts Out fear**

Lesson 3 Text: (1 John 4:15-19)

*All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.*

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- I. Love (agape) is a cure for fear.
  - A. Love, which is an expression of faith in God's Love, triumphs over every expression of fear.
  - B. Love's expressions are joy, peace, forgiveness, kindness, goodness, etc.
  - C. Fear's expressions are hate, depression, guilt, anger, prejudice, etc.
  - D. Love and fear cannot coexist.
    - a. They can't be in the same place at the same time. When one of them shows up, the other one has to leave.
- II. When a people operate in love (agape); no laws are needed.
  - A. Love will not work any ill to his neighbor. (Rom. 13:10)
  - B. Therefore you don't need laws for theft, bodily harm, murder, property, illegal drugs, drunk driving, etc.
  - C. If love is in operation, we don't need attorneys, lawyers, jails, prisons, or courts.
  - D. Whenever we need systems for all of the above; it is because we are driven by fear.
  - E. Heaven doesn't need these systems because, everyone in heaven acts on and is governed by God's love.
- III. What is Perfect Love?
  - A. The word "perfect" in this scripture is tel'-i-os. It means completeness, to be completed in growth or labor. Perfect love is love that has been matured.
  - B. It's not how perfect our love is towards God—it's how perfect God's love is towards us. When we come to know just how much God loves us, the fear is cast out.
  - C. Again, love and fear cannot coexist in the same place or at the same time.
- IV. Casting out Fear
  - A. The Greek word for "casts out" is *bal'lo*, which means to violently fling, throw or thrust out, or drive out. Perfect love expels, drives out, and violently thrusts away fear. It's not a gentle pushing or nudging. Fear is violently propelled out and is discharged by God's perfect love.

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- V. Fear has torment.
  - A. Fear has apprehension, anxiety, foreboding, suspense, strain, dread, agitation, distress, or disturbance.
  - B. The **spiritual** experience of fear is alienation from God's Love.
  - C. The **emotional** experience of fear is pain.
  - D. The **bodily** experience of fear is physical ailments.
  - E. The **fruit** of fear is bondage.
- VI. The process of fear.
  - A. Thought
  - B. Meditation
  - C. Speaking
  - D. Manifestation
- VII. When fear shows up resist it. (*1 Pet. 5:8-9*)
  - A. At the first sign of fear, choose faith in God; energized by God's Word and love, over fear.
  - B. Be steadfast regardless of how you feel.
  - C. See yourself in the opposite situation that trying to create the fear.
- VIII. Prayer of Deliverance— (*2 Tim. 1:7*)

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