## Whom or What Do You Fear?

Does a fountain of life well up within you daily based on a healthy fear of God, or does fear of the life's circumstances keep that from happening? Do you know you cannot fear God *and* man at the same time? Just ask Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (**Daniel 3**). Whom or what do you fear?

I'd like to remind everyone that 150,000-155,000 people throughout the world DIE every day. No one wrings their hands over these deaths. No one is depressed by the number of people who enter eternity each and every day. This number does not even include the number of annual abortions.

But to put things even into a far better perspective, with respect to *numbers*, I highlight the linked video below (30 minutes). You'll get the gist of it from the very beginning. In essence, the numbers of deaths from actual CV-19 do not warrant what has been foisted upon society with lock-downs, social distancing, masks, and now the jab. In fact, it is legitimately criminal to suggest that what occurred in society over the past year or more was actually *reasonable* because of the threat of CV-19. As more than one doctor has stated, there have been more suicides due to lock-downs and business failures than the total deaths from CV-19. Dr. Fauci ignores this. Please watch and share the video, <u>Coronavirus Covid-19 Fact Not Fear</u>.

Speaking of Fauci, it appears that the foundation under him may actually be quicksand. You may recall his testimony before Congress recently in which he and Sen. Paul Rand exchanged allegations and denials that Fauci's organization improperly and indirectly funded the questionable lab in Wuhan, China. Of course, Fauci vehemently denied any wrongdoings and also stated he was unaware of how money to Wuhan was used, etc.

The topic of "gain of function" came up during questioning.

The Wuhan lab conducted experiments involving "gain of function" research on viruses like the coronavirus basically to enhance them so they would be more deadly to humans. Gain of function is a controversial form of study that involves boosting the infectivity and lethality of a pathogen. It is the weaponization of the coronavirus. This is the kind of research that you would expect would come out of a place like Germany during World War Two. [1]

Rand later said Fauci's statements were "verifiably false." The full Congressional transcript can be read here: <u>Dr. Fauci before Congress</u>

<u>Tucker Carlson</u> has also weighed in on Fauci's potential involvement in the killing of thousands of people under CV-19. What will happen to Fauci? In my opinion, it's doubtful that he will be arrested any time soon. Remember, he is the mouthpiece and puppet for the globalists so they will protect him as long as it is their best interests to do so.

According to at least one Australian reporter recently in *The Australian*, (published May 7), as far back as 2015 leading scientists in China discussed the potential to turn the coronavirus into a bio-weapon in order to take down the West. This is what "gain of function" entails. You can see

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the search results for Sharri Markson, the reporter who broke this story <u>here</u>. *Epoch Times* also reported on this <u>here</u>.

The majority of people throughout the world caved to the created crisis of CV-19 and are still caving. Again I'm *not* saying or implying that death did not result from CV-19 or that it's all "fake." I'm asking, was CV-19 a deliberately released pathogen or was it a naturally-occurring crisis not allowed to go to waste?

It seems most people, instead of asking pertinent questions, quickly went along with tyrannical dictates that are still happening in the world. Another pastor in Canada, opposed to the tyranny was arrested and fined for having church. But go to any big box store and you'll probably see more people there than at the average church, yet the big box store maintains its label of "essential" for society.

Doctors who objected to the pushed CV-19 narrative from the beginning were fired, banned, censored and effectively silenced. Anyone who disagreed with the accepted narrative was labeled a "conspiracy theorist" in order to silence.

As the video (*Coronavirus Covid-19 Fact Not Fear*), above shows, the numbers of deaths hardly merit a reason to shut society down globally. World Death Rate states it does NOT include any deaths from CV-19. That's convenient, but why not? If one searches the 'Net for total deaths per year, any number of options come up and it is difficult to know which one is telling the truth and which one may be fudging the data. However, if we go by the 150,000+ figure per day, we arrive at this base number: at least 54,750,000 die/year worldwide.

It is very difficult to obtain actual numerical data except raw numbers. Government agencies like the CDC have redefined the *causes* and therefore categories of deaths in the USA, attributing far more deaths to CV-19 in 2020 than in previous years, which has succeeded in making people think deaths from cancers (and other things), is actually *down*. The CDC focuses mainly on CV-19 deaths and from that standpoint, they list a larger percentile increase of CV-19 deaths. Does that really change the total deaths to a large degree or are they simply re-categorizing deaths with the addition of *some* to make it appear that CV-19 is truly the killer they claim it to be?

The people of this world have lived through a crisis like no other over the past year or more. Never before was the world told to do all this: shutdown, social distance (treat other human beings as lepers or pariahs), and wear masks. Because of it, people lost businesses and suicides went way up. People are more content to stay home and live on unemployment than work. Inflation is on the rise, gas shortages have already occurred and even though we are getting back on track there, we will not see the price of gas go back down to pre-shortage prices. We will also likely see food prices shoot up as wood prices have.

How have you managed the crisis? How has your faith gotten you through, though it's not over? Have you grown closer to the LORD or further away from Him?

## Ezra and Nehemiah

Speaking of *fearing* the LORD, these two men braved their situations and pushed on through. Why? Because they feared the LORD, which increased their *faith*.

Whether it was Ezra in charge of rebuilding the Jewish Temple or Nehemiah directing the rebuild of the wall around Jerusalem, both men faced uphill battles with treachery from enemies dogging their heels. One of the main points of both Ezra and Nehemiah is that even when God calls and empowers a person to lead a specific work, that does **not** mean it will be free of enemies trying to overthrow. Satan never sleeps or takes a day off.

During Ezra's day, even though he had written permission from King Cyrus, obstacles and resistance frustrated him. **Ezra 1** informs us that God stirred up the heart of Cyrus to fulfill the words of the prophet Jeremiah. Because of that, the king mandates that the Temple of Jerusalem should be rebuilt and all Jews who wanted to go back to Jerusalem should go for that purpose. Cyrus also took the items that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Solomon's Temple so they could be returned to Jerusalem.

Interestingly enough, we learn that only 74 Levites went back (Ezra 2:4). Most Levites had become very comfortable in Babylon and didn't want to leave what they had there. Sad, isn't it? We need to live like we are **in** the world but not **of** it. We can certainly benefit from some things this world offers, but we must also always be ready to leave those things at a moment's notice when God calls us to do something or go somewhere.

The rebuilding of the Temple is begun and things look rosy in Ezra 3. However, in Ezra 4, we see resistance to God's work starting. God allows these things to test our patience and faith in Him. He does not allow them to bring failure (though that is the intent of the resistance).

Instigators worked against the Jews and wrote to Artaxerxes, complaining that if he allowed the Jews to rebuild the walls and their city, they would become rebellious against the king. Who was Artaxerxes? See the chart. The problem was that Ezra was focusing on the Temple, *not* the city walls. The king was not told that by the instigators.

So, the king ordered a search to find out if in fact the residents of Jerusalem were rebellious. Finding that they were, he agreed that the work should *stop*, so it did. The Jews here were 100% *wrong* in stopping because they had permission from the King Cyrus to rebuild not the walls of Jerusalem, but the *Temple* of Jerusalem! They could have continued on with that work but caved into the demands of their enemies. It was *16 years* before the work began again.

With Nehemiah, his job was to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.



He prayed for *four* months before he broached the subject to the king! Four months (he began in month of Kislev (1:1) and when he went to the king, it was Nissan, four months later (2:1). Have you or I ever prayed for something that long????

Nehemiah moved ahead with the king's permission in spite of the terrorist threats from his enemies he encountered. In fact, not only did Nehemiah *not* give into his enemies, but what is interesting is how he stationed some men as guards and soldiers who carried spears and arrows in case of an attack by their enemies. The men working on the wall had a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other, also prepared to immediately be able to defend themselves in case of attack.

Brothers and sisters, we face a *spiritual* crisis today and have been for the past year or more because of CV-19. Were/are you in deathly fear of dying because of CV-19? Were you ever in that kind of fear during the annual flu season every year? Do you fear every time you get into your car thinking, "*Today, I will likely be killed by a drunk driver!*"? Do you focus on being robbed at gunpoint? Who is your God? Most of us don't even think of those possibilities, yet we are forced to consider the potential fatal effects of CV-19 every...single...day. Why?

What has been your reaction to CV-19? Did you/do you still live in abject fear of contracting the illness? Do you, like the Jews of Ezra's day, cave to fear and pressure created by enemies of God? Or, have you simply taken necessary precautions that you've taken every year during flu season and go on with your life?

How Christians handle crises reflect the level of faith within. Do not compromise with Satan.

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death (Proverbs 14:27 KJV)

If you are living in fear, you are *not* fearing the LORD. The fountain of life within you is quenched by your fear of life's circumstances.

[1] https://nworeport.me/2021/05/18/dr-fauci-is-finally-unmasked-the-guy-is-a-mass-murderer/