

## What you fear will draw near

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. Consider the great things he has done for you.

1st Samuel 12:24

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Psalms 34:7

What is fear of the Lord?

( Fearing God means having such a reverence for him that it has a great impact on the way we live our lives. The fear of God is respecting him, obeying him, submitting to his discipline, and worshiping him in awe.)

10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." Genesis 12 :10-13

There will be seasons and environments we enter that outwardly feel intimidating or threatening; But this creates a crossroads. We will either walk in the covering of God or forfeit that and try to create our own covering out of fear of the enemy.

14 When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. Genesis 12:14-16

Because Abram acted out of fear and not in faith that the Lord would protect him, his very actions allowed the enemy into his life.

If we choose our way over God's way, we will also reap the consequence of our way.

17 But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had. Genesis 12: 17-20

Because of Abram's actions, God stepped in and pulled Abram & Sarai out of the hands of Pharaoh, and it was revealed that if Abram would have walked in faith that God would have covered him then Pharaoh wouldn't have touched him at all. The fear of the Lord will keep us under his covering, but the fear of the enemy will open up a doorway into our lives