

One of the more vivid revelations that I've had recently happened to me the other day, and I was empowered to minister it yesterday. Yeah, I realize those words are very different than something like, "excited to share", but that's important. From the onset, what I was seeing was people being delivered from their fears. I was expecting people to experience the deliverance as they cooperated through faith with The Spirit of God. The revelation was about "fears".

For several days I had been leaning over into a few verses of scripture dealing with fear, like, Is 54:14, "**you shall be far from oppression, (being deceived and bowed over), for you shall not fear.**" And 1Jn 4:18, "**...perfect love casts out fear...**" And then there was the very familiar Ps 34:4, "**I sought The LORD and He answered me and delivered me from all of my fears.**" And that familiarity is where I almost missed the power of the picture!

I was excited, people were struggling and God wanted them delivered! He is so faithful! His covenant loyalty is everlasting and His faithfulness continues into every generation. (Ps 100:5) "**The eyes of YHVH run to and fro throughout all the earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those who are loyal to Him,**" (2Ch 16:9) and as the week went on I discovered that there was a lot more going on than I realized. But something seemed to be missing. Finally I found myself digging into Ps 34:4, and boy was I surprised! What I had thought was so familiar turned out to be quite a different picture.

"Fear" or "fears" appears over 300 times in The Old Testament, and *almost* every time it's *yare*, to be afraid; scared; revere; tremble. But 2 times it's *megurah*, which is "dread", like something bad hanging over your head just waiting to happen, think of the Sword of Damocles, or not if you're not familiar with it. Anyway...

The wild thing is that this Hebrew word, *magurah*, is also translated "granary", a storehouse of seed. How can that be? It made no sense to me. "**I sought The LORD and He answered me and delivered me from all of my storehouse of seed**"? What does seed have to do with fear? How can a storehouse equate with dread? So, in my mind, I just kept looking at the picture of the relief and subsequent joy coming on people as they were being delivered. Finally I saw it! It became clear in my mind!

Words, as Jesus taught us, are seed. When planted they produce. The words of fear are stored in our head, producing the dread, because we know that they're there. Most, if not even all, people have experienced, or are still experiencing, what's being described here. Some circumstance that you are afraid may come to pass in your life, or something that might happen to you or to someone else that you love. And that dread hangs over your head, and it's tormenting. The shadow of it passes over you from time to time, and it's frightening, and miserable, and you make the effort to flee from its presence in your mind. Yet somehow it seems stored there. But here's the good news, you can go to God with faith in His purposeful good will, and He will deliver you! You have His Word on it! "**Perfect love casts out fear!**" (1Jn 4:18)

And here's some more great news, "perfect" is not referring to you! It doesn't mean you're perfect, it means His Love is!! Oh Wow! Yes, let's say that backwards, "woW!"

The 17th verse of 1Jn 4 says that we have confidence because, "... as He is so are we in this world!" As we experience the purposeful good will of Christ that exceeds physical reality or human knowledge, our faith becomes rooted and grounded in the fact that we are being filled with all of the fullness, the totality of divine power, that causes us to triumph in everything! We are delivered from *all* of our fears!

Love never fails!

