

Title: "Fear Replaced by Peace"

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Series: Fear Not (Here Comes Your King)

Text: Luke 12:22-34

### Outline

Review: Fear not." Great to hear! But *why* should we fear not, Lord? And *how*?

- Fear one thing: God! (Exodus 19-20)
- Be strong and courageous! (Joshua 1)
- Know God's love and commitment to you (Isaiah 43)

Today, we hear the words of Jesus on daily fear and anxiety.

### **(1) Luke 12:22-31**

- These words were about two things we might fear: a lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

Phobias! Let's talk about irrational fears....

What do parents in the United States fear? Let me give you two fears.

You are *taught* to fear certain things.

Back to our passage. Jesus deems two fears to be irrational.

- What were they? \_\_\_\_\_
- And for whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Summary for application in verse 31: "Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."

### **(2) Luke 12:32-34**

- What's the connection between these verses and what precedes it?

Fearing that you might not have that trip to Disneyworld is a valid 'phobia' for a believer. *You might not.*

- **Your value system chooses your fears.** If I value being the greatest opera singer...

Summary for application in verse 34: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- Having our treasure in the right place leads to *peace*.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." – Jesus (John 14:27)*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. In Luke 12:22-31, Jesus leaves no room for a fear of a lack of food or clothes. That might not seem right to us, so it's worth looking at his words carefully again. What is his explanation for such confidence?
2. Luke 12:31: "Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."
  - What are *these things*?
  - "Seek" is active. How are you actively doing this in your life? Look at your weekly schedule, your prayers, and your checkbook. What changes should you make?
3. Luke 12:34: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
  - Do you treasure parts of the American Dream that are perhaps related to (and even *causing*) your fears? How so?
  - What's in your personal value system that you need to repent from?