

I. NOT FEARING THE INTIMIDATION FROM OTHERS (1 PETER 3:13-14)

A. Being zealous for what is good can invite suffering **(1 Peter 3:13-14)**

1. Actively obeying God with our good conduct ought to be motivated by the promised blessing of God's favor **(1 Peter 3:8-12)**
2. At times, the blessing we seek can invite suffering, which is another kind of blessing **(1 Peter 3:14; 4:14; Matthew 5:10-12; 4:1-4)**

B. We should not fear the intimidation from others, nor be troubled **(1 Peter 3:14b)**

1. The fear of man is a deadly trap marked by cowardice **(Proverbs 29:25; John 12:42-43)**
2. The fear tactics and intimidation of today is the sense of being watched with the threat of social and professional cancellation **(John 9:18-23)**

II. HONORING CHRIST AS HOLY EXPELS FEARFUL INTIMIDATION (1 PETER 3:15)

A. To expel the fear of man, we must honor Christ the Lord as holy in our hearts **(1 Peter 3:15; Isaiah 8:11-13)**

1. We must have the wisdom and discernment not to adapt the ways of those who do not know God's ways **(Isaiah 8:11-12; Psalm 1:1-4; Proverbs 9:10)**
2. We fear the Lord when we honor Christ the Lord as holy **(Isaiah 8:13; Matthew 6:9)**

B. To expel the fear of man, we must be people of hope **(1 Peter 3:15; 1 Peter 1:3-4, 13, 20-21)**

1. Unshakable hope makes Christ the Lord, precious **(Philippians 1:27-30)**
2. Hope in God does not put us to shame **(Romans 5:3-5)**

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THAT OUR HOPE IS CHRIST (COLOSSIANS 1:21-23; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23- 26)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Have you experienced intimidation for being a Christian? To what extent did that experience trouble or unsettle you?

2. How does unshakable hope show Christ the Lord to be precious?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Tactics –

Intimidation –

Expel –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD