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**Introduction**

The Torah prefers to teach through concrete examples from the Word. "Heed the Lord your God diligently, doing what is right in God's sight, giving ear to God's commandments and keeping all God's statutes."

**Exodus 14:13-14**

**4:13** But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. <sup>14</sup> "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent." (NAU)

There is a difference between "fearing" and being "afraid" where you want to run away. Sometimes when we have an encounter with the Holy One of Israel, we do want to run away, but He desires that we stand our ground and be in awe of Him because He is the Almighty, the one who created all there is. We tend to believe that it is up to us to do the creating and be in control of everything. In truth, that is a hopeless cause because we must admit we fall short, and the Holy One is the one who is in control using His Son Yeshua to create everything there is. He may give us certain gifts to accomplish His purpose as in the building of the first Tabernacle, but it was not the person who did it but the Almighty using man to accomplish His purpose.

If we learn that instead of being afraid of the Holy One, we respect Him for who He is, our relationship will be all the better because of it. We will learn how to follow the Almighty's instructions, reach the goal He has set for us, and why He is using us for a specific reason. Most of the time we struggle against Him instead of listening to what it is He desires from us. I know I have done that, and I usually get either a gentle reminder from Him or a smack down, which I usually deserve.

**Deuteronomy 3:22** 'Do not fear them, for the LORD your God is the one fighting for you.'  
(NAU)

There is also a difference in fearing an enemy and wanting to run away or to stand our ground and allow the Lord to fight for us and we follow His lead. The captain of the Lord's

host is Messiah Yeshua, and He will lead the way into battle, as He did back then and as He will do in the coming future. With everything going on around us, it seems the world is falling apart very quickly as sides are being drawn up. Of course, we tend to lose sight of the fact that despite troubles spreading all over the world, it has its central point, which is Israel and what is happening in the Middle East. That is where it all started, and that is where it will all end. The Holy One holds Israel as a special people and a special nation over all the other nations on the face of the earth. It makes sense as to why the other nations are against the country of Israel because they are jealous, and the Adversary has planted this hate deep within them based on their ancestors. The descendants of Ishmael and Esau, Egypt, and Iran (Medo-Persian Empire) are still carrying their resentment against the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Fear for the sake of being frightened of someone or something is different from fear from a position of respect, which is what we are supposed to have in our relationship with the Holy One of Israel. Fear of what the world or man can do to you should pale in comparison to what the Almighty can do. Remember, even Satan must have the Lord's permission to strike at you. If you don't believe me, then I urge you to read the book of Job.

**Job 1:8** And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> **Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.** <sup>11</sup> **But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.**" <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So, Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. (ESV)

Notice that in this conversation between Satan and the Almighty, Satan points out that it is the Lord who protects Job, and it needs to be the Lord who touches Job and removes His protection. The Lord then gives Satan permission to touch Job, but he may not take his life. It is obvious that Satan needs the Holy One's permission to come against anyone, unless I assume, they have given themselves over to Satan. This is only an assumption on my part. In this passage, Job is a righteous man who fears the Lord.

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**Meaning:** fearing, reverent, afraid

Are we to be afraid of the one who through Messiah Yeshua created us? Are we to be afraid of the Messiah Yeshua? Yes, we are to be afraid, but from a reverent position; not to fear what He can do against us, but what He is willing to do for us.

**Judges 4:8-9, 21-24**

**4:8** Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." <sup>9</sup> She said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the

hands of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. **21** But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and seized a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So, he died. <sup>22</sup> And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." And he entered with her, and behold Sisera was lying dead with the tent peg in his temple. <sup>23</sup> So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup> The hand of the sons of Israel pressed heavier and heavier upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin the king of Canaan. (NAU)

In this week's Haftarah portion, we see that Barak, the leader of the army wants the judge Deborah to go with him as he goes into battle. She has already told him he will win, but he still insists she go with him. She tells him she will go with him, but he will not receive the glory from the victory, it will go to a woman. We tend to assume that she means herself when she is speaking about a woman receiving the glory. Jael is the one who will receive the glory because she will kill Jabin the king of Canaan by hammering a tent peg through his head. This is a pretty gruesome way to die, particularly by the hand of a woman who obviously has the strength to do this. It is obvious from this incident that women are not the weaker sex but equal partners with men, even though they come under the covering of man due to their sin in the garden.

**Genesis 2:15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." <sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a **helper** fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Gen 2:1 ESV)

Woman was created from the flesh of man, not from the dust of the earth, as Adam and the animals were. She was created by the Almighty because there was no suitable helper among the creatures that had been created. Verse 24 is a statement of fact and doing because we are told a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Adam and Chavah never had any fear of the Lord until after they had sinned, and their eyes were opened to the truth of good and evil. Once they came to this reality, their relationship with the Creator changed and probably with each

other. The woman was never meant to serve man, she was to be a helper to him to work with him and bring new life into the world. After she sinned, her desire was for her husband, she would bear children in pain, and her husband would rule over her. This might be the reason many in Judaism, Christianity, and even Islam place a woman in a lesser position than she really held in the Bible. She was to be dependent on the man because she listened to the lie by the serpent, but man did not, even though he was standing there during the whole conversation and never said a word. He had a responsibility since he had heard what God had instructed right from His mouth while the woman only heard it second hand from Adam. Adam should have spoken up, but he did not and bears as much responsibility as the woman. It should not have been her fight alone.

### **1 Peter 4:1-5**

**1** Therefore, since the Messiah suffered physically, you too are to arm yourselves with the same attitude. For whoever has suffered physically is finished with sin, <sup>2</sup> with the result that he lives the rest of his earthly life no longer controlled by human desires, but by God's will. <sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time already living the way the pagans want you to live—in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, wild parties and forbidden idol-worship. <sup>4</sup> They think it strange that you don't plunge with them into the same flood of dissoluteness, and so they heap insults on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give an account to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. (CJB)

We have spent enough time on living the way pagans do, and that includes debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, wild parties, and forbidden idol-worship. We say today that we are different, but the name of the sin is the same, and today many of them have become acceptable. Of the people the Apostle Peter is speaking about, how are we different? We do the same sins, but we claim we are not pagans; however, Peter makes it clear you are what you do. You can try to paint over the sin, but its true color comes out in the end. If you stand your ground, those around you will point at you and insult you, but the difference will be that we all must give an account to the Judge of all mankind. He stands ready to judge the living and the dead.

Who do you fear – man or the Creator?

***Torah Man says: "It's not the greatness of our troubles, but the littleness of our faith that makes us complain."***

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