

## Whom Should You Fear?

### Luke 12:4-7

#### 1. “Do not fear” (vs 4)

- Fear of what people might do to us or think about us is sometimes called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus reminds His followers that there \_\_\_\_\_ to physical pain and suffering that we can endure on earth (vs 4b).

Related scriptures: Proverbs 29:25, Philippians 1:21-23

#### 2. “Fear Him” (vs 5)

- Fear can help us put things in their \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ fear of God is necessary for us as believers in order to view God as He truly is.

Related scriptures: Proverbs 1:7, 8:13, 9:10, and more!

#### 3. Not one of them is forgotten before God (vs 6-7)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God refers to the fact that God’s followers are under His protective care.
- The challenges and hardships He allows us to endure are never outside his view or control. What a great comfort!

Related scriptures: Luke 12:22-34

## Application

Unbelievers: God is the righteous judge spoken of in vs 5. You need to respond to the Gospel (good news) in order to avoid the judgment.

Believers:

- How do I respond when faced with physical pain, harm or death? Does my response indicate that my hope is in God, or that I am fearful of the world around me?
- Do I realize that my response is being watched by the world around me? How I respond to difficulty shows whether or not I really believe God is the one watching over me.
- Do I properly understand who God is, and do I have a healthy/right fear of Him? Look up the phrase “fear the Lord” in your Bible and see what you can learn. Does my life fit with the description I find in the Bible of one who fears God?