



The background of the image shows the dark silhouettes of Gothic-style buildings, including a prominent spire on the right and various rooflines and turrets on the left, set against a deep blue twilight sky. The word "FEAR" is centered in a large, white, serif font.

FEAR

The background of the slide is a dark, low-key photograph of a church building at night. The church's silhouette, including its roofline and a prominent steeple, is visible against a deep blue twilight sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

A Focus on *FEAR*

GOOD THEOLOGY
is the best cure for FEAR



A Focus on *FEAR*

TRUTH
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The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric photograph of a castle or fortress silhouette against a deep blue night sky. The architecture includes a prominent tower and various battlements. The overall mood is mysterious and somber, fitting the theme of fear.

A Focus on ***FEAR***

BELIEVING LIES
is the best cause for FEAR

Matthew 10

32 Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

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Four Truths of a Fear-Proof Worldview

Lie #1:

I am alone, unseen, unassisted;
and what I do/say for Christ is meaningless.

Truth #1:

Everything hidden will come into the light,
and those “in Christ” will be vindicated.

Jeremiah 1

4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

5“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I set you apart
and appointed you as a prophet to the
nations.”

6“Ah, Lord GOD,” I said, “I surely do not know
how to speak, for I am only a child!”

7 But the LORD told me:

“Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’

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For to everyone I send you, you must go,
and all that I command you, you must speak.

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and said to me:

“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 See, I have appointed you today over nations
and kingdoms

to uproot and tear down, to destroy and
overthrow, to build and plant.”



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Exodus 20

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sounding of the ram's horn, and the mountain enveloped in smoke, they trembled and stood at a distance.

19 "Speak to us yourself and we will listen," they said to Moses.

"But do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Exodus 20

20“**Do not be afraid,**” Moses replied.

“For God has come to test you, so that the **fear of Him** may be before you, **to keep you from sinning.**”



Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in His commandments.

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Psalm 104

27 All creatures look to You
to give them their food in due season.

28 When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand, they are satisfied with
good things.

29 When You hide Your face, they are terrified;
when You take away their breath, they die and
return to dust.

30 When You send Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 139

1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;
You understand my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down;
You are aware of all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
You know all about it, O LORD.

5 You hem me in behind and before; You have laid Your
hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me
to attain.

Psalm 139

7 Where can I go to escape Your Spirit?

Where can I flee from Your presence?

13 For You formed my inmost being;

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You

when I was made in secret,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;

all my days were written in Your book

and ordained for me before one of them came to be.

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God's care for you is as a Father who knows how to love perfectly.

Romans 8

15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

17 And if we are children, then we are heirs:

heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ

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Isaiah 43:13 Even from eternity I am He,
and none can deliver out of My hand.

When I act, who can reverse it?”

Job 42:1 Then Job replied to the LORD:
2“I know that You can do all things and
that **no plan of Yours can be thwarted.**

Ephesians 1:11 In Him we were also
chosen as God’s own, having been
predestined according to the plan of Him
**who works out all things by the counsel of
His will,**

Psalm 33

10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations;
He thwarts the devices of the peoples.

11 The counsel of the LORD stands
forever,

the purposes of His heart to all
generations.

Daniel 4

34 “For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

35 All the peoples of the earth
are counted as nothing,
and **He does as He pleases**
with the army of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

There is no one who can restrain His hand
or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’ ”

Deuteronomy 32

39 See now that I am He;
there is no God besides Me.

I bring death and I give life;

I wound and I heal,

and there is no one who can deliver
from My hand.

1 Samuel 2

6 **The LORD brings death and gives life;**
some He brings down to Sheol,
and others He raises up.

7 The LORD sends poverty and wealth;
He humbles and He exalts.

9 He guards the steps of His faithful ones,
but the wicked perish in darkness;
for by his own strength shall no man
prevail.

Job 14

1 Man, who is born of woman,
is short of days and full of trouble.

2 Like a flower, he comes forth, then
withers away;
like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.

5 Since **his days are determined** and the
number of his months is with You,
and since You have set limits that he cannot
exceed,

Isaiah 46

9 Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like Me.

10 **I declare the end from the beginning,**
and ancient times from what is still to
come.

I say, '**My purpose will stand,**
and **all My good pleasure I will accomplish.**'

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...by the same God who did not spare His own Son to redeem you to Himself.

Romans 8

28 And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

31 What then shall we say in response to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all,
how will He not also, along with Him, freely give us all things?

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