

EXODUS

THE GOD WHO REDEEMS

Exodus 20:18-21

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but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

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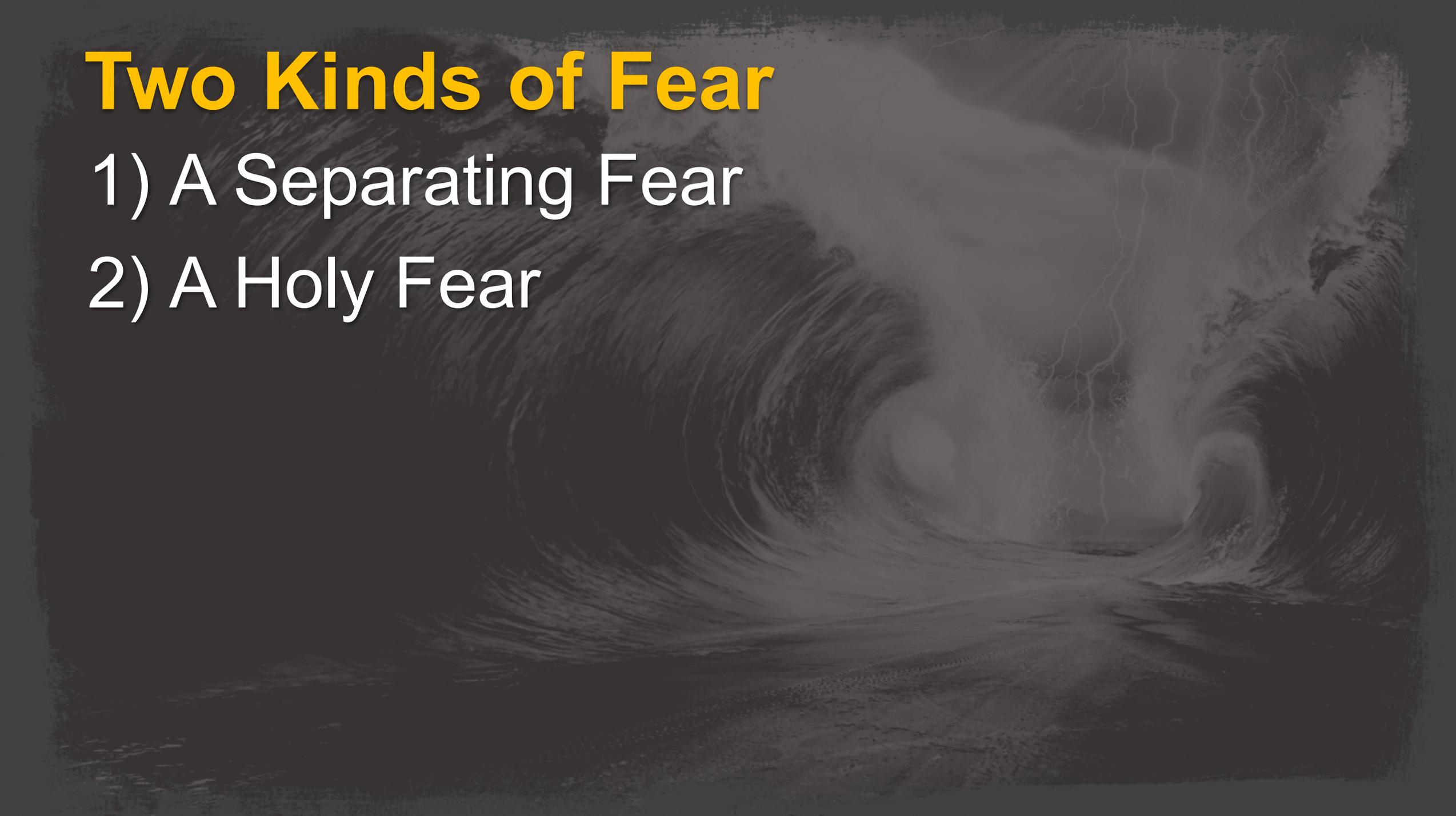
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Two Kinds of Fear

1) A Separating Fear

2) A Holy Fear



A Separating Fear

Hebrews 12:25 “See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.”

A Separating Fear = Hardening Heart

Proverbs 28:14 Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Abandon this kind of fear.

Isaiah 41:10

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

A Holy Fear

Proverbs 14:26

Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.”

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Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord leads to life; and he who has it rests satisfied.”

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Psalm 112:1

“Praise the LORD! How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands.”

A Holy Fear

Holy Fear of God – Is not cheap grace, it
is costly grace

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner.

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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Matthew 16:24-25

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.