

Dread is a Type of Fear

‘Dread’ originally meant: ‘to fear greatly’; ‘to be in extreme apprehension of something’; ‘terror’; or ‘apprehension of something in the future’.¹ This word was used to describe great fear. For example: When describing the feelings of London residents at the sound of the motors of approaching German luftwaffe bombers at night during World War II.

These days ‘dread’ has come to mean:² ‘to be reluctant to do, or meet, or experience’.³ This is the toned-down colloquial use of the word. For example:

Have you heard anyone say something like any of these?

- “I dread having to deal with that person”
- “I’m dreading going to work today”
- “I dread having to take a relief class for Maths teachers”
- “I always dread 'tax time'”
- “I dread getting an email from that person”

This is not describing total or great fear, however, the feeling it’s describing is a type of fear.

Any fear is a tool of the enemy and should be acknowledged as such. Most importantly, sons must learn not to have any level of fear, as that allows the enemy to have a level of control over them. Eliminating fear includes not submitting to anything that a person would describe using the word ‘dread’.

I received this revelation about dread when I read this message from the King:

“Take a good look at the things you have postponed. When you procrastinate because of dread, remind yourself that you will have to face the facts sooner or later. Putting off what you need to do will not make it better or easier. If you need help ask. If you need wisdom ask. Refuse to allow this issue to cause you to get stuck.”⁴

As soon as I read it, I knew in my spirit that it was the word describing how I felt on some occasions. The most recent was the dread of having to do something, which meant that I procrastinated and avoided doing it. Amazing how the Spirit can put his finger on what’s going on when we listen to him. How did I identify dread in my life? Having had panic attacks many years ago I noticed that dread produced the early symptoms of such attacks. It was a 'dead give-away' once I was shown that I was suffering dread.

Thinking back over my life, I can remember many occasions of having a thought or feeling of dread which curtailed what I needed to do. Even the period of depression I suffered during my first year of university as an adolescent, I can now identify as having roots in dread. I can identify the dread came from a feeling that my studies were all too much to cope with, that there was no way out of it. There was also the dread of the consequences of failing and the repercussions.

To assist us to deal with dread, here’s some more of our King’s instructions:

“Look to the horizon of a new day both naturally and spiritually. The difficulties you have endured will become a thing of the past, and you will begin again. Things will never be the same, but you will have the strength and desire to embrace what lies ahead. Refuse to give in to fear and dread.”⁵

1 – www.dictionary.com/browse/dread

2 – Words in the English language change over time as the populous uses them in different ways. For example: We use the word ‘dreadful’ these days to mean something is ‘not very nice’. The word originally meant that a things caused a person ‘to be full of dread (extreme fear)’.

3 – www.dictionary.com/browse/dread

4 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (16-3-2021) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm]

5 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (19-11-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2020.htm]

“There are some things that you need to settle in your own heart. Otherwise, they will become issues that cause **dread and worry**, which will keep you from relationship with Me. Remember that I know the beginning from the end of all things, and your worry will not change a thing. Keep yourself in the Spirit and in peace.”⁶

“Believe Me when I tell you that procrastination could be costly to you. You must not put off that which requires your attention. Do not be afraid to move forward in dealing with issues that have caused you to **dread**. Trust Me to give you wisdom and create a path forward, says the Lord.”⁷

“Refuse to allow dread to occupy your thoughts. Take on the challenges of each day in strength and confidence of Spirit. **Dread is nothing more than the fear of what might happen**. You are not there yet, so take care of your immediate concerns and trust Me to give you the wisdom and courage to succeed.”⁸

“This time of great **consternation**⁹ has taken its toll, but I am giving you greater wisdom and understanding that will facilitate my purposes for you at this time. Take a breath and trust Me to show you how to achieve what is set before you with a degree of simplicity that you did not expect. I will show you the way.”¹⁰

““ **I want you to release the dread in your heart to Me**. Do not allow fear to rule in your soul with regard to what might happen in the days ahead. The issues of today are enough to deal with in righteousness without adding supposition. Avoid wasting your time and energy on a fear-based future,” says the Lord.”¹¹

When we dread something, not only are we giving in to fear, we are not operating in Kingship. Our basic kingly operations revolve around operating in dominion in our personal domain.¹² This involves being in control of our lives and our circumstances to the level where we don’t allow things to control us.

When we fear something or someone, we allow them to ‘get on top of us’, which is a way of saying that they have control when we shouldn’t be letting it happen.

All dread needs to go.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

6 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (2-7-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2020.htm]

7 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (12-2-2019) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2019.htm]

8 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (June 18, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]

9 – i.e. alarm, fear, fright

10 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (11-4-2021) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm]

11 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” Nov. 5, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

12 – “Operating In Dominion” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Operating-In-Dominion.pdf