

“Do Not Be Afraid” in Selected Scripture Verses

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Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision,
“Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

Genesis 21:17

And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, **“What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid;** for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

Genesis 26:24

And that very night **the LORD appeared to Jacob and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not be afraid,** for I am with you and will bless you and make your offspring numerous for my servant Abraham’s sake.”

Genesis 46:3

Then he said to Jacob, “I am God, the God of your father; **do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.**

Genesis 50:19-20

But Joseph said to his brothers, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you meant to harm me, God meant it for good.

Exodus 14:13

But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

Deuteronomy 7:18

Do not be afraid of the nations in the land I am giving you. Just remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

Joshua 10:25

And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous; for thus the LORD will do to all the enemies against whom you fight.”

Joshua 11:6

And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of the many kingdoms that have encamped against you, for tomorrow at this time I will hand over all of them, slain, to Israel; you shall hamstring their horses, and burn their chariots with fire."

1 Samuel 12:20

And Samuel said to the people, "**Do not be afraid; you have done this evil by demanding a king, yet do not turn aside** from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

1 Samuel 23:17

Jonathan said to David, "Do not be afraid; for the hand of my father Saul shall not find you; you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be second to you; my father Saul also knows that this is so."

2 Samuel 9:7

David said to Meribbaal, "**Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan;** I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always."

1 Kings 17:13

Elijah said to the widow of Zarephath, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

2 Kings 6:16

Elisha answered, "**Do not be afraid. Our side outnumbers theirs.**" ¹⁷Then he prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes my servant that he may see." And the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw that the mountainside was filled with fiery chariots and horses around Elisha.

2 Kings 19:6

Isaiah said to the servants of King Hezekiah, Say to your master, thus says the LORD: **Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard,** with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me for they shall be struck down.

2 Chronicles 32:7

King Hezekiah said, "Be strong and steadfast; **do not be afraid or dismayed because of the king of Assyria** and all the horde coming with him, for there is more with us than with him.

Tobit 4:8

Give in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, **do not be afraid to give** alms even of that little.

Tobit 6:18

Do not be afraid, Tobiah for Sarah was set apart for you before the world began. You will save her, and she will go with you. And I assume that you will have children by her, and they will be like brothers for you. So do not worry." When Tobiah heard Raphael's words that she was his kinswoman, and of the lineage of his ancestral house, he loved her deeply, and his heart was truly set on her.

2 Maccabees 7:29

His mother said, **Do not be afraid of this executioner**, but be worthy of your six brothers and accept death, so that in the time of mercy I may receive you again with your brothers."

Ben Sira 22:16

A wooden beam firmly bonded into a building is not loosened by an earthquake; so **the mind firmly resolved** after careful deliberation **will not be afraid**.

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you, **do not be afraid, for I am your God**; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Jeremiah 1:8

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Jeremiah 10:5

Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. **Do not be afraid of these idols, for they cannot do evil**, nor is it in them to do good.

Jeremiah 42:11

Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, as you have been; do not be afraid of him, says the LORD, for I am with you, to save you and to rescue you from his hand.

Ezekiel 2:6

And you, **O mortal, do not be afraid** of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; **do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks**, for they are a rebellious house.

Zechariah 8:13

Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and **you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.**

Luke 1:30-31

The angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.** And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Matthew 1:20

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "**Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife**, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Luke 2:10

But the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

Luke 5:10

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken. **Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men."**

Matthew 10:30-31

And even the hairs of your head are all counted. **So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.**

Matthew 14:27

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "**Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.**"

Matthew 17:5-8

From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."** And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

John 12:14-15

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "**Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!**"

Matthew 28:5-6

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Acts 18:9-10

One night in Corinth the Lord said to Paul in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people."

Revelation 1:17-18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "**Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one.** I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.