

FIGHT AGAINST FEAR OF THE FUTURE

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Sermon Theme: When our futures seem unclear, and we are unaware of what lies ahead, we are prone to fear the future. However, in the face of fear, Christians must trust that the Lord will uphold His people. So, we must admit our frailty, consider the Lord Jesus, and cling to our all-wise God.

I. Author of the Promise – Read Isaiah 41:1-9

- A. In verses 1-4, how are the nations instructed to enter God's presence?

- B. When God says that He is "the first and the last," what does that mean?

- C. In verses 5-7, how do the nations respond to the conqueror from the east? What does their response tell you about their strategy to fight against fear of the future?

- D. In verses 1-9, what do we learn about God? Why is it critical to understand the author of the promise given in verse 10?

II. Content of the Promise – Read Isaiah 41:10

- A. What observations do you make about this verse?

- B. In verse 10, when God says to "be not dismayed," what does that mean? How does it differ from the call "to not fear"?

- C. What are all the reasons God gives not to fear the future? Which reason comforts you when you think of the many ways you might fear uncertainties in your life?

III. Application of the Promise

- A. Are there uncertainties in your life causing you to be afraid? Why do you think that we are easily swayed to fear the future?

- B. In what ways is the gospel the greatest guarantee that God is for us and will uphold us? How can the gospel transform the way that we deal with uncertainty?

- C. How might you like to grow in fighting by faith against fear of the future this week? What are some tangible ways that you can take hold of Isaiah 41:10?