

The Fear of Man is Not Upon the Lion

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The Fear of Man Was to Be Upon Every Beast
(Gen. 9:2).

The Fear of Man Is Not Upon the Lion (Prov.
30:30).

The scriptures that are supposed to be contradictory are dealing with both physical and spiritual realities (see study: Every Beast of the Field). In other words, the language can be applied to physical animals, but quite often it refers to members of the fallen host.

Then I (John) saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb (looked righteous or religious) and spoke like a dragon (symbol of Satan) (Rev. 13:11; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

Be sober (self-controlled), be vigilant (watchful); because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1Pet. 5:8; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Satan and the spirit beings under his influence masquerade as righteous servants, but in reality, they are wolves in sheep's clothing.

And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers (demons) also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works (2Cor. 11:14-15; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Although Satan and his demons can deceive mankind right now, eventually they will be judged for their sinful conduct in a future resurrection. Because some of their judges will be resurrected human beings, Satan and the fallen host have a fear of mankind. The apostle Paul mentioned the this in the next scripture.

Do you (church members) not know that we shall (in a future resurrection) judge (fallen) angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? (1Cor. 6:3; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ confirmed that his disciples had authority, even while they were still physical, over evil spirits.

Behold, I (Christ) give you (his disciples) the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions (symbols associated with Satan and his demons), and over all the power of the enemy (which is not composed of flesh and blood; cf. Eph. 6:12), and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the (fallen) spirits are subject to you... (Lk. 10:19- 20a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

So, this is the real fear that the "beasts" have of mankind. It has nothing to do with physical animals fearing physical people. Some of the demons during the time of Christ's earthly ministry clearly were in fear of their future judgment at the hands of Christ and those who are resurrected to serve under him.

When he (Christ) had come to the other side (of the sea), to the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs (symbolic of those coming out of the graves at the resurrection of the dead), exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. ²⁹ And suddenly they (the demons) cried out, saying, 'What have we to do with you

(now), Jesus, you Son of God? Have you come here to torment (interrogate) us before the (future) time (at the resurrection of the dead)?' (Mt. 8:28-29; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Originally, no one in the spirit realm had any fear of the Adamic creation with the possible exception of Satan. According to the wording of the next scripture, it appears that Adam was created with the intent to take over the authority of every spirit being that had previously been under Lucifer's jurisdiction.

Then God blessed them (Adamic creation), and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply (spiritually speaking; 2Pet. 3:18 cf. Gal. 5:22-23); fill the earth (with God's truth; cf. Isa. 11:9) and subdue it (with the peace that follows obedience to God's law and commandments; cf. Mk. 1:27); have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth (symbolic language representing different types of spirit beings; cf. 1Cor. 15:40) (Gen. 1:28; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Because Adam failed to obey God's command, "every living thing" that was intended to be under his jurisdiction was now under the authority of the last Adam, Jesus Christ.

.... The last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit (1Cor. 15:45b).

And he (Christ) is before all things, and in him all things consist. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the preeminence (Col. 1:17-18; Ed. note in parenthesis).

So, Adam, and all his descendants, can only fulfill the intent of their creation as they submit

to Christ's authority because he had to compensate for their collective failure and sin through his sacrifice. Therefore, Satan and the fallen host only fear those who are under Christ's authority, which the apostle Paul confirmed earlier in this study (cf. 1Cor. 6:3). This fear is described in the next quotation, but it is more prophetic than most realize. Specifically, it is referring to those who are obedient to God as Noah was.



... THE LAST ADAM (CHRIST) BECAME A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT.
1 Corinthians 15:45b

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ² And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand (Gen. 9:1-2).

Eventually, every human being has the potential to share rulership under Jesus Christ based on their desire to obey every word of Almighty God (cf. Mt. 4:4).

...You (Christ) are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God (Almighty) by your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth (following a resurrection of the dead) (Rev. 5:9b; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

However, the spirit-beings who preceded mankind will be the last to come under Christ's authority if they repent of their sins.

So Jesus said to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration (resurrection from the dead), when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first (Mt. 19:28-30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

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To summarize so far, the scripture describing the "fear of man upon every beast" is first and foremost symbolic language representing the fear of Satan and the fallen host who will be judged by Jesus Christ and those obedient human servants who are resurrected to rule under him following a resurrection of the dead. The last scripture to be examined is not dealing with lions either fearing, or not fearing mankind. Instead, it is describing the power and majesty of a lion as it stalks and runs after its prey.

There are three things which are majestic in pace, Yes, four which are stately in walk: ³⁰ A lion, which is mighty among beasts and does not turn away from any (other beasts) (Prov. 30:30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added). In conclusion, no contradiction exists between the scriptures used in the There are three things which are majestic in pace, Yes, four which are stately in walk: ³⁰ A lion, which is mighty among beasts and does not turn away from any (other beasts) (Prov. 30:30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

In conclusion, no contradiction exists between the scriptures used in the heading of this study. In order to correctly understand them, it is imperative to recognize God's use of symbolic language. This is a vital key to an accurate interpretation of difficult scriptures.