Introduction

*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.”* I John 4:18

I. Love is the Antidote to Fear.

Two Ways Love Overcomes Fear

*“For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,*

 *and the complacency of fools will destroy them;*

*but whoever listens to me will live in safety*

 *and be at ease without fear of harm.* Proverbs 1:32-33

*“If God is for us, who can be against us?* *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”* Romans 8:31-32

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—*

*whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life.*

*of whom shall I be afraid?* Psalm 27:1

II. You Grow in Love by Gazing upon God.

 *“Be holy for I am holy.”* Leviticus 11:44 (Quoted in I Peter 1:16)

Isaiah

*“I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted.” (vs. 1) “Woe to me! I am ruined. For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips (That’s what he’s surround by) and my eyes have seen the King.” (vs. 5)* ~from Isaiah 6

Job

*“My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you… I repent!”* Job 42: 5-6

Peter

 *“When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord, I am a sinful man.”* Luke 5:8

 *“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.* *If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing.* *If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.”* I Corinthians 13:1-3

**“***On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’* *But I will reply, ‘I never knew you.”* Matthew 7:22-23

 ***“****But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* Galatians 5:22-23

III. You Can Put Your Love on Steroids by Tapping into God’s

 Infinite Love.

The Economics of Love

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