

Scarecrow in a Melon Patch

Jeremiah 10:1-5

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Jeremiah 10:1-5 (NIV) 1 Hear what the LORD says to you, O house of Israel. 2 This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the sky, though the nations are terrified by them. 3 For the customs of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. 4 They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter. 5 Like a scarecrow in a melon patch, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good."

SATAN'S THREE DECOYS

SCARECROW OF _____

Mark 11:23 (NKJV) For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

To doubt means to have misgivings, to hesitate, to stand in two ways or be double minded. Wavering between two different thoughts.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV) Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

THE SCARECROW OF _____

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

1 Peter 5:7 (ESV) casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

THE SCARECROW OF _____

Luke 21:26 (MaceNT) Men dying with fear under the apprehension of those calamities, which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Mark 6:50c (NKJV) "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

There's an old saying: When fear knocks at the door, and faith answers, no one is there.

HOW TO TEAR DOWN YOUR STRAW MAN

(1) Nurture your friendship with God.

(2) Read aloud Psalm 23.
It is the first-aid for fear list in the Bible.

(3) Process with a godly friend.

(4) Don't forget to laugh more.

"A merry heart does good like medicine." Pro. 17:22

Answers: 1) doubt 2) worry 3) fear