

Luke 5:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

Analysis

They were all amazed glorified God filled with fear saying We have seen strange things today. All amazed ekstasis overwhelming shock. Glorified edoxazon praised. God ton theon proper object. Filled with fear ephobēthēsan holy reverence awe. Saying legentes verbal response. Seen eidomen eyewitness. Strange things paradoxa paradoxes unexpected wonders. Today sēmeron this very day immediate. Crowd response mixture amazement worship fear. Appropriate reaction divine manifestation. Holy fear not terror but reverence before majesty mystery. God presence evokes awe. Reformed theology distinguishes servile fear (dread punishment) from filial fear (reverence before holiness). Believers experience both fear love confidence reverence. Modern church sometimes loses sense of awe overemphasis casual relationship underemphasis transcendence majesty.

Historical Context

Fear of Lord beginning of wisdom Proverbs 1:7. Throughout Scripture divine manifestations produce fear awe. Moses burning bush. Isaiah temple vision. Disciples transfiguration. Appropriate response finite before infinite creature before Creator. Modern evangelical church sometimes loses transcendence emphasizes immanence intimacy. Both necessary. God is near accessible yet holy transcendent majestic. Paradox of Christian faith. Early church maintained reverence awe worship liturgy reflected majesty mystery. Medieval church sometimes overemphasized distance inaccessibility. Reformation recovered both

transcendence (God holiness majesty) and immanence (Christ mediation direct access). Healthy Christianity maintains tension.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Why do divine manifestations produce fear awe even when accompanied by blessing healing?
2. How should church balance emphasizing God transcendence majesty with His immanence accessibility through Christ?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἔκστασις ἔλαβεν ἄπαντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν θεόν
And amazed they were all And they glorified G3588 God
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καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν φόβου λέγοντες ὅτι Εἴδομεν παράδοξα
And were filled with fear saying G3754 We have seen strange things
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 9:8 (Glory): But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Luke 7:16 (Glory): And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

