

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 legontes 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

Psalms 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	ἅπαντας	καὶ	ἐδόξαζον	τὸν	θεόν
And	amazed	they were	all	And	they glorified	G3588	God
G2532	G1611	G2983	G537	G2532	G1392		G2316

καὶ	ἐπλήσθησαν	φόβου	λέγοντες	ὅτι	Εἶδομεν	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.

