

In Luke's account, when Peter first met Jesus (Luke 5:1-11), he reluctantly obeyed him, which led to an astonishing experience of the holiness and fear of the Lord.

- I. Children of Obedience – Those Who Hear God
 - a. To obey is to *hear under* (ὕπακοή in Greek)
 - b. We have a new *schematic* for life
 - c. Though you didn't know it, the old schematic was evil

- II. Children of Holiness – Those Who See God
 - a. Holiness is a state of *being; doing* flows from it
 - b. God's holiness is in our (born-again) DNA
 - c. "Be holy" is much more than a command

- III. Children of Reverence – Those Who Fear God
 - a. Does the world fear God?
 - b. Sets us apart: fear God (and no one/nothing else!)
 - c. Greek *phobos*: "panic, fear, terror, alarm...reverence"
 - d. A glimpse of God's holiness makes us strangers here

When Jesus says, "Don't be afraid," he opens our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to live in his loving embrace.