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Fear



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There is certainly no biblical mandate for deliberately seeking out persecution. Nevertheless, we must remember that Jesus counseled us against fear and against worry. "Do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" Jesus wants us to face issues with confidence, knowing that we are doing His will. It is not everyone's calling to stand up for the creation account in an academic setting. But we all have our situations where the rubber hits the road and we are called to trust in Him.

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