RE: leasing THE FEAR OF GOD

Acts 5:1-16



"If we ever claim to draw near to Jesus, but all we find is a tame, ordinary, manageable God, we're probably not half as close as we'd like to think. When we truly draw near to Christ, it's not just our sense of his grace and kindness that increases in measure. Our awareness of his holiness and majesty will be on the increase too."

Matt Redman



1. A GREAT COVER-UP - V1-10

Ananias and Sapphira

5 But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with

his wife, Sapphira, sold some property.

2 He brought part of the money to the apostles,

claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent

he kept the rest.



2. A GREAT FEAR - V5 & 11

(NIV) V5 - When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

(NIV) v11 Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.



28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

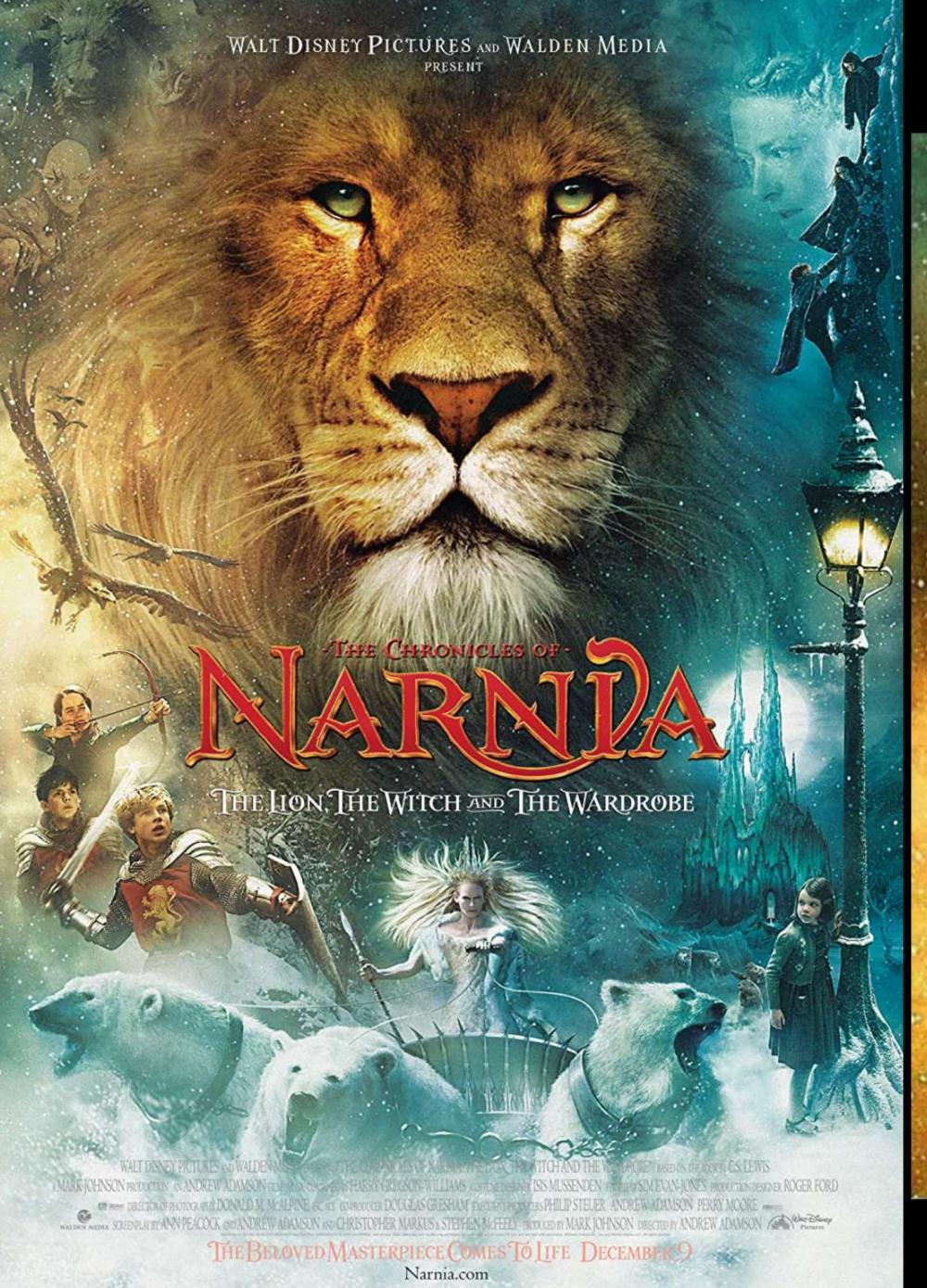
Hebrews 12:28-29



"The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but the goodness of God encourages us not to be afraid of Him. To fear and not to be afraid – that is the paradox of faith."

A.W. TOZER









2. GREAT WORK & WONDER- V12-16

13 But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. 14 Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord crowds of both men and women. 15 As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. 16 Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil[a] spirits, and they were all healed.

