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*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

*2 O my God, in you I trust;*

*let me not be put to shame;*

*let not my enemies exult over me.*

*3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to  
shame;*

*they shall be ashamed who are wantonly  
treacherous.*

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*4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.*

*5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.*

*6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your  
steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.*

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*7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!*

*8 Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.*

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*10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love  
and faithfulness, for those who keep his  
covenant and his testimonies.*

*11 For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

*12 Who is the man who fears the Lord?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should  
choose.*

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*13 His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.*

*14 The friendship of the Lord is for those who  
fear him,*

*and he makes known to them his covenant.*

*15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

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*16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.*

*17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.*

*18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.*

*19 Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.*

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*20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge  
in you.*

*21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.*

*22 Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.*

**-Psalm 25**

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- Prolonged life
  - Riches
  - Honor
  - Life
  - “Fountain of life”
  - Gives you strong confidence
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- Creates a refuge for your children
  - Satisfaction
  - Rest
  - Protection
  - Keeps you from evil
  - Steadfast love of the Lord
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- God's compassion
  - God's mercy
  - Intimate friendship with God
  - The eye of the Lord
  - Angelic protection
  - Provision, lacking nothing
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- Fulfilled desires of your heart
- Pleasure of the Lord
- Walk in the whole duty of man, and  
lastly....

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- Fulfilled desires of your heart
  - Pleasure of the Lord
  - Walk in the whole duty of man, and  
lastly....
  - The beginning of wisdom and knowledge
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# The Fear of the Lord

*The Soil*

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The Soil is our **underlying**  
**attitudes, beliefs, and values.**

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# Today's Roadmap

- What is the fear of the Lord?
  - Why does it lead to all these benefits?
  - How do we cultivate it in our lives?
  - How does it impact our roots/fruits?
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# What is the fear of the Lord?

- *“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.”* – Psalm 33:8

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# What is the fear of the Lord?

- yare (יָרֵא)
  - “Afraid, terrified of harm”
  - OR, “deep sense of awe, respect, reverence, honor, especially rightfully directed at an authority”
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# Examples in the Bible:

- “*Then Jacob was greatly **afraid** and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps...*” - Genesis 32:7
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# Examples in the Bible:

- *“When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they **feared** greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.” - Exodus 14:10*
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# Examples in the Bible:

- *“Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is **fearful** and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained.” - Judges 7:3*
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# Examples in the Bible:

- “*Each of you must **respect** your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the Lord your God.*” -  
Leviticus 19:3

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# Examples in the Bible:

- *“On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in **awe** of him just as they had stood in **awe** of Moses, all the days of his life.” - Joshua 4:14*
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# Examples in the Bible:

- *“And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in **awe** of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.” - 1 King 3:28*
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# Examples in the Bible:

- *“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with **fear** and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ...”* - Ephesians 6:5
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4 *“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.*

*5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?*

*6 On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,*

*7 when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

*Job 38:4-7*

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*6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train[a] of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

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*4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”*

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*6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

Isaiah 6:1-7

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*24 And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings. 25 And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.*

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*26 And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. 27 And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.*

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*28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.*

*Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.*

Ezekiel 1:25-28

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*And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”*

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*5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,[a] with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

Matthew 17:1-8

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# Examples in the Bible:

- Fear of the Lord >>> Humility, godly sorrow and brokenness >>> repentance >>> holiness and purity
  - Fear of the Lord >>> Friendship with the Lord >>> Knowing we're loved, love for the Lord
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*45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.*

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*49 But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.*

*51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,*

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*53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son[d] of God!”*

Matthew 27:45-54

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# Response

- God, what does it look like for me to cultivate the fear of the Lord in my life?