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25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

Proverbs 29:25

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7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your body
And refreshment to your bones.

Proverbs 3:7–8

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Theme of John: Jesus as the Son of God
Scene 1: Familial Unbelief (1-9)

1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was
unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were
seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into
Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works
which You are doing.

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4 “For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks
to be *known* publicly. If You do these things, show
Yourself to the world.”

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 So Jesus *said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your
time is always opportune.

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7 “The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I
testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

8 “Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast
because My time has not yet fully come.”

9 Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

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18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 5:18

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38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own
will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

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39 ‘On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when
you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall
celebrate the feast of the Lord for seven days, with a rest
on the first day and a rest on the eighth day.

40 ‘Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the
foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of
leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice
before the Lord your God for seven days.

Leviticus 23:39–43

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41 ‘You shall thus celebrate it *as* a feast to the Lord for seven
days in the year. It *shall be* a perpetual statute
throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the
seventh month.

42 ‘You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born
in Israel shall live in booths,

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43 so that your generations may know that I had the sons of
Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the
land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.’ ”

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15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize
with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in
all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne
of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to
help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15–16

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5 Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him
stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and *said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself
down; for it is written,
'He will command His angels concerning You';
and
'On *their* hands they will bear You up,
So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.' "

Matthew 4:5–7

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7 Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘You
shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

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4 And Jesus *said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do
with us? My hour has not yet come.”

John 2:4

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18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me
before *it hated you*.

19 “If you were of the world, the world would love its own;
but because you are not of the world, but I chose you
out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

John 15:18–19

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19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the
world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light,
for their deeds were evil.

20 “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not
come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

John 3:19–21

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21 “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that
his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in
God.”

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20 “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not
greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will
also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep
yours also.

21 “But all these things they will do to you for My name’s
sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

John 15:20–21

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14 These all with one mind were continually devoting
themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary
the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:14

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