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1 John 3:2
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Exerophobia
Fear

Xenophobia – fear of strangers
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Exerophobia – fear of exercise
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Dietophobia
Fear

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Zoophobia – fear of animals

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Exerophobia – fear of exercise
Dietophobia – fear of the process of losing weight
The Fear of the Lord
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Rhema
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Proverbs 1:7
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The Fear of the Lord
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The Fear of the Lord

For the Unbeliever
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The fear of God is the fear of the judgment of God and eternal death, which is eternal separation from God.
The Fear of the Lord

For the Believer (the child of God)
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You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
Psalm 22:23
The Fear of the Lord

For the Believer (the child of God)

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What does it mean to fear the Lord?
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And what does it look like when someone does?
The Fear of the Lord

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;
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The Fear of the Lord

He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.”
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“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

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“John, you have known Me and are loved by Me. Do not be afraid.”

If you fear God, you will not fear man.
The Fear of the Lord

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“John, you have known Me and are loved by Me. Do not be afraid.”

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Nor will you fear the things man can do to you.
The Fear of the Lord

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Why?
The Fear of the Lord

Because the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and is the only fear that can overcome all of our other fears.
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Every other fear is based on a lie.
The Fear of the Lord
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Fear of Death?
The Fear of the Lord

Fear of Death?
Your God is too small.
The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of the Future?
The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of the Future?
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The Fear of the Lord

Fear of Never Being Loved?
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Fear of Pain or Sickness?
The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of Financial Ruin?
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The Fear of the Lord

Fear of Divorce?
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Fear of Something Happening to My Children?
The Fear of the Lord

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The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of Being Victimized?
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Fear of Getting Older?
The Fear of the Lord

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The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of Things Always Changing?
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Fear of the Death of a Loved One?
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Fear of Satan?
The Fear of the Lord

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Fear of Satan?
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Fear vs. Truth
Fear vs. Truth

Even now men cannot look at the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. He comes from the north as golden splendor; with God is awesome majesty. As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him; He is excellent in power, in judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress. Therefore men fear Him; He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart.”

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Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 3:1
Fear vs. Truth

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God is your loving, perfect, protecting Father.

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God loves His children.

And God loves you. No matter what.

When it comes to being a child of God, the best is yet to come for you! For you shall see Him as He really is, and you will become like Him.

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And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:3
Fear vs. Truth

And everyone (or, each, every, all, any, the whole, in totality, without exception, both individually and collectively – including you) who has this hope (or, confident exception, intense anticipation and assurance) in (who) Him (does what) purifies (or, to make clean, consecrate, set apart, to render pure in a moral sense, to live a life as under a vow) himself (name), (to what extent) just as He (Christ) is pure.

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Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:17-19
Fear vs. Truth

Love (agape) has been perfected (or, complete, mature, been accomplished) among us (name) in this (or, this way): that we (name) may have boldness (or, free and fearless confidence and assurance) (when) in the day of judgment; (why) because as He is, so are we (name) (where) in this (present) world (kosmos).

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Truth:

We fear because our God is too small.

He is too small to fix our marriage.

He is too small to heal our hurts.

He is too small to trust with our children.

He is too small to confront and defeat evil.

He is too small to take care of my financial needs.

He is too small to trust with my future.

And He is too small to find me a spouse.
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Fear vs. Truth

He is just too small for me to trust.
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Colossians 2:10 states that you are “complete (or, to make full, to abound) in Him.”
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But is He complete in you?
Fear vs. Truth

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But is He complete in you?

Or do you need to take matters into your own hands because He is somewhat lacking or insufficient?
Fear vs. Truth

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Truth:

He is the only legitimate object of our fear and reverence and awe.
Fear vs. Truth

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities (or, sins),
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You,
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Psalm 130:3-4
Fear vs. Truth

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Fear vs. Truth

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)
Fear vs. Truth

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-24
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The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. (therefore) what can man do to me?

Psalm 118:6
Fear vs. Truth

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In God I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
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Psalm 56:11
Fear vs. Truth

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Psalm 56:11
Fear vs. Truth

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Psalm 56:11
Fear vs. Truth

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said,
“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

So we may boldly say:
“The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6
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