

The Fear of the Lord

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1. The fear of the Lord Our days will pro - long; In trou-ble af - ford A con - fi - dence strong;
 2. The fear of the Lord Pre - serves us from death, En - forc - es His Word, En - liv - ens our faith.
 3. The fear of the Lord Is sound - ness and health; A treas - ure well stor'd With Heav - en - ly wealth,



Will keep us from sin - ning; Will pro - sper our ways; And is the be - gin - ning Of wis - dom and grace.
 It reg - u - lates pas - sion; It helps us to quell The dread of damnation And ter - rors of Hell.
 A fence a - gainst e - vil By which we re - sist World, flesh, and the devil, And im - i - tate Christ.

4. The fear of the Lord
 Is clean and approv'd,
 Makes Satan abhor'd
 And Jesus belov'd.
 It conquers by weakness,
 Is proof against strife;
 A cordial in sickness;
 A fountain of life.

5. The fear of the Lord
 Is lowly and meek;
 The happy reward
 Of all that Him seek.
 They only that fear Him
 The truth can discern,
 For living so near Him
 His secrets they learn.

6. The fear of the Lord
 His mercy makes dear,
 His judgments ador'd,
 His righteousness clear.
 Without its fresh flavor
 In knowledge there's fault,
 In doctrines no favor,
 In duties no salt.

7. The fear of the Lord
 Confirms a good hope:
 By this are restor'd
 The senses that droop.
 The deeper it reaches,
 The more the soul thrives.
 It gives what it teaches
 And guards what it gives.

8. The fear of the Lord
 Forbids us to yield.
 It sharpens our sword;
 It strengthens our shield:
 Then cry we to Heaven
 With one loud accord
 That to us be given
 The fear of the Lord.