The Fear of the Lord

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1. The fear of the Lord Our days will prolong; In trouble afford A confidence strong;
2. The fear of the Lord Preserves us from death, Enforces His Word, Enlivens our faith.
3. The fear of the Lord Is soundness and health; A treasure well stor’d With heavenly wealth,

Will keep us from sinning; Will prosper our ways; And is the beginning Of wisdom and grace.
It regulates passion; It helps us to quell The dread of damnation And terrors of Hell.
A fence against evil By which we resist World, flesh, and the devil, And imitate 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.