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**THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

# Proverbs 1:1-7

**1** The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

**2** for gaining wisdom and instruction;

for understanding words of insight;

**3** for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,

doing what is right and just and fair;

**4** for giving prudence to those who are simple,

knowledge and discretion to the young—

**5** let the wise listen and add to their learning,

and let the discerning get guidance—

**6** for understanding proverbs and parables,

the sayings and riddles of the wise.

**7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,

but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

# THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Prov 1:7)**
- **“Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD” (Prov 1:29)**
- **“...then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.” (Prov 2:5)**
- **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Prov 9:10)**
- **“The fear of the LORD adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.” (Prov 10:27)**
- **“In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.” (Prov 14:26)**
- **“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.” (Prov 14:27)**
- **“Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil.” (Prov 15:16)**
- **“The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honour.” (Prov 15:33)**
- **“Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.” (Prov 16:6)**
- **“The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.” (Prov 19:23)**
- **“Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honour and life.” (Prov 22:4)**
- **“Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.” (Prov 23:17)**



# **THE FEAR OF THE LORD VARIATION**

- **“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.” (Prov 3:7)**
- **“To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech.” (Prov 8:13)**
- **“Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is devious in his ways despises him.” (Prov 14:2)**
- **“The wise fear the Lord and shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.” (Prov 14:16)**
- **“My son, fear the LORD and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise,” (Prov 24:21)**
- **“Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.” (Prov 28:14)**
- **“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (Prov 31:30)**

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# **FEAR**

## **(Merriam-Webster Dictionary)**

- 1. “an unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger; anxious concern; or unpleasant alarm”**
- 2. “profound reverence and awe, especially toward God”**

## **(Dylan Flood Definition)**

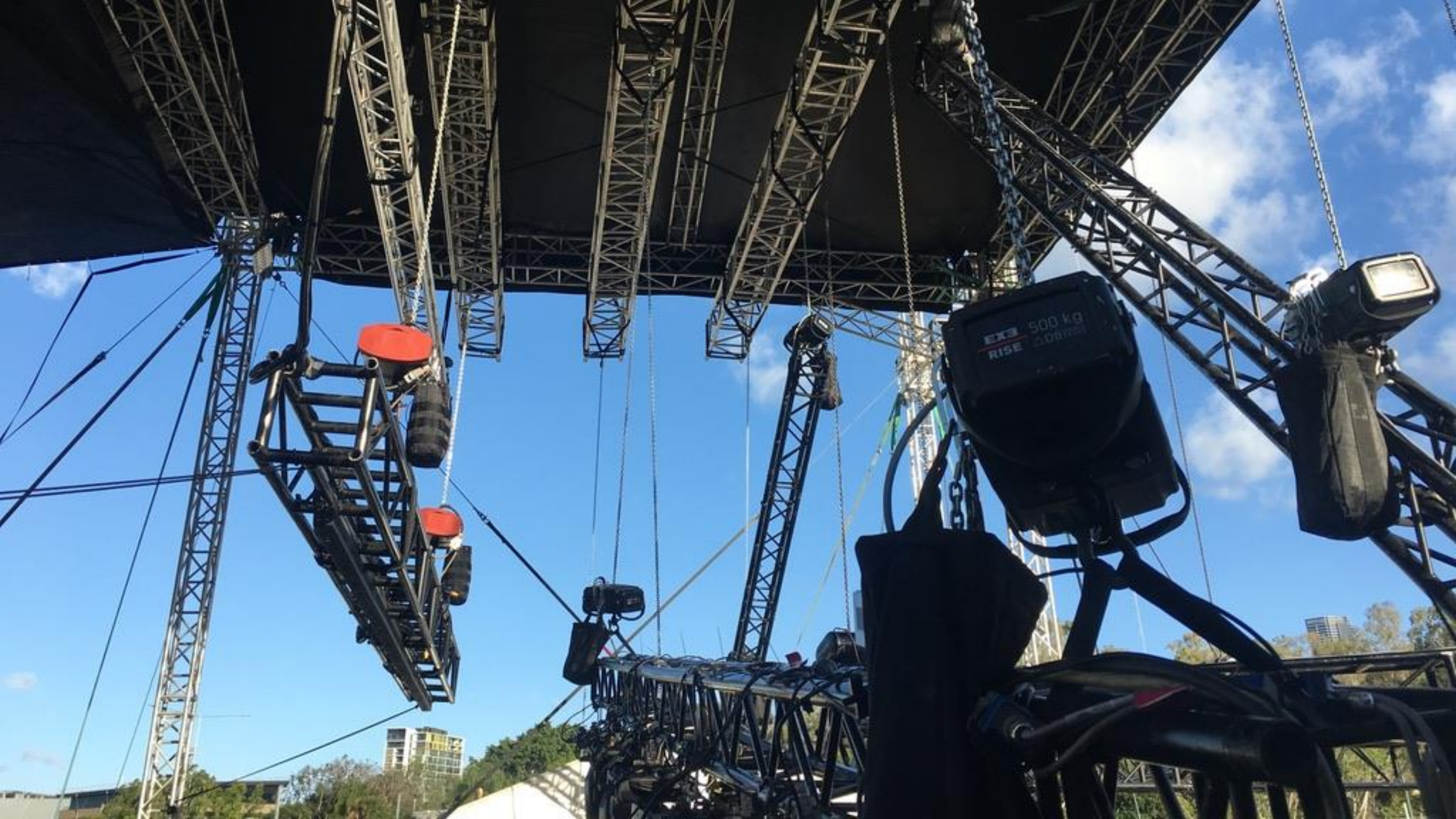
**“a profound reverence and awe toward God coupled with a healthy awareness of the danger brought about by our sin”**

**“The fear of the Lord is a pervasive and important topic, and I think it is needed today, because we are so quick, I think, to solve the problem of God’s fearsomeness with the gospel that we may not give people a chance to really let them sink in how deeply sinful they are or how fearful God really is.”**

**“We should fear in the sense that we seek refuge from God away from God’s terrible wrath. God’s grace in Christ is the refuge from God’s wrath outside Christ. There is terror outside of Christ, and there is a different kind of trembling inside of Christ.”**

**-John Piper-**







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# **Proverbs 2:1-15**

- 1 My son, if you accept my words  
and store up my commands within you,**
- 2 turning your ear to wisdom  
and applying your heart to understanding—**
- 3 indeed, if you call out for insight  
and cry aloud for understanding,**
- 4 and if you look for it as for silver  
and search for it as for hidden treasure,**
- 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord  
and find the knowledge of God.**

# **Proverbs 2:1-15**

**6 For the Lord gives wisdom;**

**from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

**7 He holds success in store for the upright,**

**he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,**

**8 for he guards the course of the just**

**and protects the way of his faithful ones.**

**9 Then you will understand what is right and just**

**and fair—every good path.**

**10 For wisdom will enter your heart,**

**and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.**



# **Proverbs 2:1-15**

**11 Discretion will protect you,  
and understanding will guard you.**

**12 Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men,  
from men whose words are perverse,**

**13 who have left the straight paths  
to walk in dark ways,**

**14 who delight in doing wrong  
and rejoice in the perverseness of evil,**

**15 whose paths are crooked  
and who are devious in their ways.**

# **Psalm 46:10**

**10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations,**

**I will be exalted in the earth."**



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