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3. "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward (perverted) mouth, do I hate" (*Prov. 8:13*). The person who fears the Lord hates what God hates and loves what God loves. "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil" (*Psalms 97:10*).

4. "The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil" (*Prov. 19:23*). The heart that fears the Lord finds itself in the perfect place of satisfaction and safety. God takes care of those who give Him reverence and who are afraid of displeasing Him.

5. "Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the LORD and that thought upon His name" (*Malachi 3:16*). The blessed fellowship of the God-fearers! God is delighted and takes note!

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