



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Scripture

Reflections on the fear of the Lord

(based on Mother's Day sermon and how the fear of the Lord takes away fear of the future and enables us to laugh at the future as God laughs at His enemies.)

Proverbs 31:25, 30

²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and *she laughs at the time to come*.

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman *who fears the Lord* is to be praised.

Psalm 25:12

¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

Psalm 34:9

⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Psalm 103:11-13

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 115:13

¹³ He will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 14:26-27

²⁶ In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence,
and his children will have a refuge.

²⁷ The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,
that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 15:16

¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Come, All Who Fear the Lord God (Based on Psalm 22:23-31)

Come, all who fear the Lord God, O saints, your voices raise.
Come, stand in awe before him and sing his glorious praise.
You lowly and afflicted who on his word rely,
your heart shall live forever; the Lord will satisfy.

All kindreds of the nations to Christ the Lord shall turn.
Through earth's remotest regions his altar fires shall burn.
All kingdoms, power, and glory belong to him alone.
He rules o'er all the nations; kings bow before his throne.

Both high and low shall worship, both strong and weak shall bend.
A faithful church shall serve him till generations end.
His praise shall be recounted to nations yet to be.
The triumphs of his justice a newborn world shall see.

Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray.*

Holy Father, your Word teaches that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge and wisdom. Give us that fear that we might have a heart of wisdom.

Enable us to hear your Word in a manner worthy of its wisdom.

Enable us to love your Word in a manner worthy of its excellency.

Enable us to respond to your Word in a manner worthy of its faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Enable us to live in a manner worthy of our great Savior and His great salvation.

Enable us to resist all sin and evil in a manner worthy of the Holy Spirit who is in us, for He is greater than him who is in the world.

Enable us to walk our faith in a manner worthy of Him in whose image we are being created.

Enable us to endure suffering and hardship in a manner worthy of the glory to be revealed that will far outweigh all our troubles.

Enable us to love others in a manner worthy of the love with which you have loved us, even from before the foundations of the world.

Enable us to share and witness and be an example to others in a manner worthy of the generous Gospel we have received.

Enable us to fear you in a manner worthy of your majesty, splendor, holiness and power.

Enable us to fear you in a manner that overcomes every other fear and to love you in a manner that casts out every other fear.

All this we ask to the glory of your most holy name. Amen.