Psalms 34:7-10 (NIV) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <u>fear him</u>, and he delivers them. [8] Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. [9] <u>Fear the LORD</u>, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. [10] The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Psalms 103:11-12 (NIV) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who <u>fear him</u>; [12] as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

****I love John Piper's comments on the idea of "fearing the Lord" ..."Fearing God is not a negative experience for those who love God. It is the kind of deeply satisfying trembling, and sweet humility and submission that rises in the presence of the absolute power and holiness of God. ...God means for his power and holiness to kindle fear in us, not to drive us from him, but to drive us to him. His anger is against those who forsake him and love other things more. The safest place in the universe is with our arms around the neck of God. And the most dangerous place is any path where we flee from his presence." (Future Grace pg. 242-243)

PRAYER: Lord, God thank you that I can enjoy Your Awesome Power. Thank You that Your desire is that I would be drawn ever closer to You. That I would taste and see HOW Good You are that I would take pleasure in Your Amazing Love for me.

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