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I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

(Psalm 34:1-3, NIV)

RECEIVE! The wise in heart will receive commandments, but a prating fool shall fall.

(Proverbs 10:8)

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Lord of Wisdom, You speak to my heart and reveal to me those things which are needed for my walk of faith. I revolt. I turn away. I try to go the wrong way. Lord, You are the Way. You are the Truth. You are the Life. **Lord, You know what is best.**

(Shirlee Steward, Prayer thoughts from Proverbs)

**“...then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’”
Then the people bowed down and worshipped.**

(Exodus 12:27, NIV)

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The shed blood of a lamb without defect protected the people of Israel from the Angel of (physical) Death when he passed over.

The shed blood of the Lamb Who Was Worthy protects those who belong to Him from the angel of spiritual death when he passes over.

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**And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.**

(Matthew 27:50-51a, NIV)

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Nothing – not even the murder of God’s own Son – can end the relationship between God and human beings. In the alchemy of redemption, that most villainous crime becomes our healing strength.

(Philip Yancey, The Jesus I Never Knew)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

(Hebrews 1:1, NIV)

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Faith is like radar which sees through the fog – the reality of things at a distance that the human eye cannot see.

(Corrie Ten Boom, Tramp For The Lord.)

**Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need,
always asking him with a thankful heart.**

(Philippians 4:6, TEV)

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Sometimes we do worry too much. No matter what the situation or its outcome, we as God’s children can cast our anxieties on Him, knowing that He cares about us.

Dear Lord, thank You that we can pray to You and unload our worries on You and be sure of Your care. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Thought for the day: **The unlimited God still works miracles.**

(Carol Feng, Taiwan)

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

(Psalm 34:8-10, NIV)