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For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 3:10–12 (Psalm 34:12–16)



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“Jonathan, however, provides a dramatic example of a godly man who resisted envy and the violence that accompanies it. Instead of fearing or hating David, Jonathan loved him (18:1; 20:17). Instead of clinging to his privileges as the king’s son, Jonathan acknowledged that David would be the next king (23:17). Instead of cringing when he heard David’s exploits praised, Jonathan lent his own voice to that praise (19:4–5).”

Peter J. Leithart, A Son to Me, pg. 101.



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Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed...

Psalms 2:1–2

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



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