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“Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 8:11–14

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What accompanies fears?

- Insecurity of who God is and what He can accomplish
- Looming larger than our resources or capabilities
- Stubborn
- Lack of trust so crippled when it comes to please God
- Idolatry
- Searching for help outside of God
- Part of life, therefore not surprised or turn from God b/c of them
- Shows the gulf between us and God
- Guilt/ rationalization
- Sense of worthlessness

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Describe the disposition and actions of the ones described in verses 4-7.

- Saw the Lord i.e.) Acts 7 Stephen
- Confident won't be disappointed as turned to God
- Radiant – peace
- Turn to God
- Fear of God showed by seeking the Lord (Fear takes away what we know yet still seeks God)
- Remember concrete things about God

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Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” 14 He said, “No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?” 15 The captain of the LORD’S host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:13–15

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For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.

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 - D. Other's Testimony Aligns with Mine**

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“Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 “For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. 3 “Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 “Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms. 5 “Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

Isaiah 60:1–5

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But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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What keeps us from finding hope and encouragement from this testimony?

- Shrinking world that looks to ourselves or elsewhere for relief
- Compare with us and our situation
- When focus is on uncertainties around rather than certainties of God - when they loom larger than God
- Fear's emotions dominate – conscious effort after this initial
- Too much of outcome relies on us – also recognizing not prepared

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“Heightened perceptions of bias and discrimination are robustly associated with mental anguish, social strain, and adverse physical outcomes,” according to an examination of the data in American Affairs. “The more people perceive themselves to be surrounded by others who harbor bias or hostility against them, and the more they view their life prospects as hostage to a system that is fundamentally rigged against them, the more likely they become to experience anxiety, depression, [and] psychogenic and psychosomatic health problems.”

Janie Cheaney **Put this in English**

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- 2. Too focused on self and what deliverance looks like**
- 3. Not willing to do the work to cultivate encouragement from God**

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**“Like a swallow, like a crane, so I twitter; I moan like a dove; My eyes
look wistfully to the heights; O Lord, I am oppressed, be my security.**

Isaiah 38:14

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“There is a goal, and a prize, and an upward call. Do we reach for the prize, or circle around our grievances until they suck us right down the drain?”

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