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Carl Racine: brother.

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Carl Racine: brother brother George and sister audrey were some of the first folk who I talked to.

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Carl Racine: At some Bethel event when we first started coming to Bethel who were incredibly warm and welcoming to us and have always been.

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Carl Racine: i've always felt connected to because of that.

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Carl Racine: let's open in prayer Lord God, we thank you and bless you for this day, and for this gathering and pray as we look to your word that you would guide our thoughts our discussion.

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Carl Racine: and lead us into the path that you would have us follow in the name of Christ amen.

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Carl Racine: Before we go back to the material, I just wanted to for For those of you who saw Reverend Marty Armas sermon last Sunday.

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Carl Racine: It was a good illustration of the kind of argument that i've been making in this class.

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Carl Racine: That.

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Carl Racine: Some of the most fundamental biblical truths that we need as Christians are found in Torah and, in fact.

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Carl Racine: The this the stuff that she talked about in her sermon really isn't talked about it all in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: And so, if you ignore.

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Carl Racine: That.

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Carl Racine: If you don't pay attention to.

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Carl Racine: The teaching that's there about starting with the with the opening of Genesis but then the passage is she quoted later on in Torah about the ownership of the land.

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Carl Racine: And how the land does not belong to human beings it's a gift from God, but God continues to be the owner of the land, the owner of the earth and humans are placed there as stewards.

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Carl Racine: As caretakers as people who are to.

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Carl Racine: work the land.

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Carl Racine: and guard the land and we looked at this when we looked at that.

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Carl Racine: We looked at the beginning of Genesis some time ago.

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Carl Racine: So the idea that it belongs to you, and you can do whatever you want to with it.

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Carl Racine: ignores god's ownership of that land you're taking care of somebody else's property and.

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Carl Racine: So that was the basis for Reverend Marianna sermon about.

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Carl Racine: Ecological justice and it's indeed something that's found in Torah.

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Carl Racine: and not in the New Testament so that is only one of many things that we've talked about in this class.

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Carl Racine: That remind us of the knee of our need to go back and look once again at other parts of the scripture than a couple of verses out of Romans innovations.

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Carl Racine: All right, we have been meandering through this topic of the fear of the Lord the Bible talks at some length in lots of different places, about the fear of the Lord and it's a topic that you don't hear people talk about as much as.

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Carl Racine: As some of the others, and I wanted to explore it because of that, because the Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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Carl Racine: And I want to emphasize the beginning of wisdom, so the question is, what does that mean how, how does wisdom begin with something called fear of the Lord and what does fear of the Lord mean do we just have to be afraid of God, in order to find a wise path in

life.

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Carl Racine: And we looked at how that fear both comes from god's power.

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Carl Racine: As judge, but also.

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Carl Racine: From god's power as creator and we were looking at the Book of job and the the the sense of the overwhelming nature of god's creation.

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Carl Racine: overwhelming to our understanding overwhelming to.

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Carl Racine: To our senses and we talked about.

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Carl Racine: Or, I talked about.

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Carl Racine: rabbi hassles comments about radical amazement, looking at the creation and just standing back in on and that that for heschel is the beginning of faith, the beginning of a sense that there's more out there than just us.

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Carl Racine: And the Bible has a lot of different ways of presenting that, but the speech that God gives to job at the end of the book of job really appeals to that sense of awe and amazement, in the face of a creation that job simply can't understand God appears to job.

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Carl Racine: in quotation marks with job doesn't see anything good job only hears a voice, and this is consistent with other biblical.

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Carl Racine: moments when, God appears to people.

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Carl Racine: God is always hidden, at the same time that God appears, so that the divine glory is hidden in a cloud or in job's case in a whirlwind or hidden in darkness or Moses can see kind of the back side of God, if he kind of hides his face there's a sense of mystery about God, as well as revelation.

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Carl Racine: And job when, God finally appears when, God finally comes and confronts job with the fact that Joe mind just can't comprehend what what's out there.

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Carl Racine: Joe quiets down and admits that he has no more words to say about who God is or how God governs the world job is just stunned by the wonder of it all.

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Carl Racine: And I connected that idea with a sense of god's holiness that Holiness, I said does not refer primarily to God being good ethically moral.

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Carl Racine: But rather holiness emphasizes the difference between the divine reality and the human world holiness means distinct separate from from our ordinary, everyday lives supernatural.

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Carl Racine: And so there's a dangerous element to holiness and a strangeness and and and so, in a word, and I think sister Carol said something like this, a couple weeks ago in our class, you know where God is weird.

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Carl Racine: God is bizarre God is different.

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Carl Racine: From how we think about things in the world, and God emphasizes that point in his speech to job there at the end chapters 38 to 41 God says, you will never fully understand my ways any holds

out as examples of this.

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Carl Racine: The bizarre and inscrutable nature of some of earth's creatures.

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Carl Racine: And that's really a way of illustrating the bizarre and inscrutable nature of their creator.

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Carl Racine: And so the in many different ways the Book of job challenges are comfortable ideas about God we all sort of pay pious lip service to the declaration in Isaiah.

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Carl Racine: God says, my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways we don't really take that seriously we act as if we think we understand just how God operates.

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Carl Racine: And I hear people say things like this in church sometimes God has to act, a certain way, if we do certain things and the Bible says no God is free to act independently of human beings.

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Carl Racine: You can't put God in a box you can't control God you can't manipulate God you can't make God do something.

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Carl Racine: So rabbi heschel says God is a mystery.

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Carl Racine: And God is sort of the mystery that's behind creation and we can see insiders sense that, but never completely understand that.

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Carl Racine: And when we started this whole discussion about the fear of the Lord we started with the passages from deuteronomy 28 and 29 where it's a long list of blessings and curses.

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Carl Racine: And deuteronomy 29th it says sort of the same kind of thing and sister Carol if we could look at slide number eight.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: sure.

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Carl Racine: i'm in the middle of that passage where God is both pronouncing blessing and curses on Israel, depending on what they do.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Just one second I am.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: laptop is catching up.

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Carl Racine: Okay, great.

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Carl Racine: So in in deuteronomy 29:29 there that you can see, on your screen, it says the secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever.

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Carl Racine: That we may do all the words of this law so there's a contrast there between what God has revealed with what we know from God.

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Carl Racine: And the secret things that only God knows, we will never know everything there is to know about God, there will always be a mystery to God, there will always be secret things.

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Carl Racine: Israel has been given Torah to establish the Covenant relationship with God and teach them how to live, but our knowledge of the world is always going to be incomplete, we will never be able

fully to explain god's acts of blessing and cursing as much as we think we can.

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Carl Racine: And that is the main point of the book of job as well, and I think many people miss read the happy ending of job where his prosperous life is restored to him.

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Carl Racine: We read that story after this long.

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Carl Racine: period of suffering that job goes through, and then there's a resolution and and everything comes back to him.

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Carl Racine: And we read that in terms of psalm 35 weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning sure job's got to go through some bad times, but in the end because of his faithfulness God makes everything all right for him.

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Carl Racine: But the text doesn't say that and such a reading ignores what's actually happened to job in the story that restoration, at the end of the book cannot possibly make up for what job has had to suffer.

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Carl Racine: Nothing can replace or compensate for the deaths of his 10.

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Carl Racine: job has suffered terribly and that experience will remain with him for the rest of his life.

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Carl Racine: And in addition, if we take the teaching of the book of job seriously, though, if we've learned anything at all from waiting through this lengthy series of debates in the book then we'll see period that's why.

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Carl Racine: Here I think you're unmuted.

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Carl Racine: Thank you, if we take what the rest of the book of job tells us seriously will see that job, no more deserves the reward the renewed prosperity that comes to him in the end.

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Carl Racine: Then he deserves the suffering that was inflicted upon him in the beginning, let me say that again because.

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Carl Racine: I think people miss the first part of this is really clear and job he doesn't deserve the suffering that comes upon him.

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Carl Racine: What needs to be clear from that is also that he also doesn't doesn't deserve the prosperity that he experiences both prior to the suffering or after.

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Carl Racine: job is no more being rewarded for his faithfulness at the end, then he was being punished for his unfaithfulness our knowledge of why such things happen remains incomplete and job himself never finds out what it was all about.

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Carl Racine: So the Bible of firms, both here and elsewhere that god's system of governing the world is to a great extent hidden from human beings, and you can see another verse here in this quote from Ecclesiastes he's 11 five.

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Carl Racine: On your screen if just as you don't know how the path of the path of the wind or how bounds developed in the womb, of a pregnant woman, so you don't know the work of God, who makes everything.

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Carl Racine: And the Apostle Paul agrees after wrestling in the book of Romans with the very complex and puzzling issue of god's plan for

the salvation of all Israel.

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Carl Racine: Paul essentially says we can't completely understand this and this long passage at the end of Romans 11 that you see on the screen Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable or his judgments have inscrutable his ways.

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Carl Racine: For who has known the mind of the Lord, who has been his counselor who is given a gift to him that he might be repaid.

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Carl Racine: For from him and through him and to him are all things to him be glory forever amen he just stands back in a in a kind of act of worship and says we can't understand exactly everything that God is up to, there are certain things we can understand and there's certain things we can't.

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Carl Racine: Now we naturally fear what we don't understand, and so our fear of the Lord, in part, comes from the realization that God is holy the God is other than us that God is beyond our understanding beyond our ability to put into words.

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Carl Racine: The fear of the Lord helps us understand the limits to our understanding.

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Carl Racine: pause there for questions comments reflection.

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James Williams: I always find it so helpful when.

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James Williams: When you explain things and I have these Aha moments, and sometimes when you're trying to trying to share a word with somebody a friend or somebody.

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James Williams: You know, and they see that you have a little bit of understanding of the word they're expecting you to respond to those answers they have these questions, well, what about this, what about that and expecting you to dig deep and come up with that answer, and this response here that.

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James Williams: was going to please see it no.

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James Williams: Oh, and deuteronomy 29 the secret the secret things belong to the God.

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James Williams: That part is just so powerful, for me, because there are some things that I can't take I can't tell you what that means I can't tell you what you know what's going on, I know this, but it says, but then there are these other things that have been revealed.

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James Williams: And we see evidence of the confirmations you know I remember reading about how there it is hidden things in the Bible, and as you study study study all this revelation come that comes out of there.

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James Williams: And, and I love, how you drop these little pearls in there, that I can use when i'm dealing with these people.

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James Williams: that's all.

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Susan Racine: I want to make a remark about.

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Susan Racine: The created order.

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Susan Racine: carlin I watched a movie on netflix because we had a we rented an airbnb that had netflix and we saw my octopus teacher

because joshua recommended and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh yeah I love that movie.

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Susan Racine: And at the end of it.

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Susan Racine: The man he had no professional faith in God or anything like that, but he saw the intelligence of the whole ecosystem of the kelp forest, where he was studying this octopus and he just was amazed at all the intricacies that made it work and I felt like that was.

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Susan Racine: sort of a.

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Susan Racine: kind of like job's dad speak to Joe that this intelligence is much harder to more than you will ever understand, and you can see some of this in the creation that i've that i've brought forth.

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Peter Barrant: You know I wanted to just bring up another comment which I started to say last time, but never finished my my thought, which is.

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Peter Barrant: We do have, I think all of us have images of God and what God can or or should or would do, and one of the things that I, I noticed, particularly in the Old Testament is that.

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Peter Barrant: The Bible actually says that God changed his mind the Bible sometimes says that God curses thing.

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Peter Barrant: And my I mean the understanding of God is love and only good things come from God makes you wonder how could God curse them if God if that's who God is, and so it it brings to mind our imperfect understanding of God and just you know who, who is this, who is God.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'm contemplating what you said brother Carl about our rosy picture of job and what happens to him after all this horrific stuff takes place and we seemingly think he gets his life restored his resources restored and he goes off into the sunset but.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Once again, you put a jar and that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That assumption.

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Carl Racine: I mean certainly things get better for him, but anybody who got no sister kiddo you've been through the last of have one child imagine losing 10.

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Carl Racine: You can't just take that lightly and say oh everything's Okay, it makes up for it.

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Carl Racine: there's nothing in my mind I can't imagine thinking anything could ever make up for the loss of a child.

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Carl Racine: So you have to read job you know you have to actually imagine what's going on there in that story.

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Carl Racine: To say yes, he had his former kind of prosperous life restored to him, but it it's never the same.

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Carl Racine: And when he when we think about coven and going moving

forward into the future, things will never be quite the same after what we've gone through the trauma of this pandemic we can't just ignore that in the future, or if we do we're being foolish.

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Carl Racine: So let me move on, then, to a related point if the fear of the Lord comes in part from our recognition that we we really don't understand everything about God.

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Carl Racine: Then one of the biblical responses to god's holiness god's otherness god's difference from us god's weirdness god's changing us one of the ways of worshipping God is simply being quiet like job we start we stop talking if we could move on to the next slide number nine.

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Carl Racine: The Lord is in his holy temple let all the earth keep silence before him we've heard that verse.

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Carl Racine: A real sense of god's mysterious presence, you know, a real sense of being confronted with the Holy one of Israel would cause people to shut up.

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Carl Racine: Because when you stand before royalty you wait for them to speak.

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Carl Racine: Again Ecclesiastes has a very pithy statement guard your steps, when you go to the House of God go near to listen.

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Carl Racine: Rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools who do not know that they do wrong, do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God God is in heaven and let and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

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Carl Racine: Our silence before God isn't isn't admission that we are in the presence of a reality that is ultimately beyond words the

divine presence makes us speechless.

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Carl Racine: Now these aren't passages we spend a lot of time meditating on it church Bethel like most churches doesn't do silent worship.

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Carl Racine: A few years ago, at the end of his sermon pastor Bob asked the congregation to stop and spend two minutes two minutes mind in silent prayer right, then he just said, I want everybody here.

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Carl Racine: To keep silent for two minutes and be at prayer.

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Carl Racine: But during those two minutes pastor Bob continued to talk the whole time.

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Carl Racine: And so Susan asked him afterwards, why he didn't allow us to have two minutes of actual silence and he said it would have made people too nervous.

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Carl Racine: But sometimes you need to silence all the racket around you even in church, even the preachers voice, even the praise and worship music.

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Carl Racine: In order to stand in worship full are in radical amazement, in the presence of the creator of the universe stop singing about how awesome God is close your mouth and just stand there.

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silently.

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Carl Racine: So while god's power and holiness may produce fear in the sense of being afraid the awesome mysterious god of creation also instills fear in the sense of reverence of our fear that is the basis

for worship.

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Carl Racine: Now we've talked all along, about how that that word in Hebrew can mean both fear in the sense of being afraid and fear, in the sense of reverence or off So how are those two aspects of the fear of the Lord connected, and here I found a wonderful commentary on this.

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Carl Racine: If we could go to slide number 10 please.

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Carl Racine: rabbi shy held you see his picture there in the middle.

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Carl Racine: With the prayer shawl and Kippur.

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Carl Racine: At a protest for the killing of Eric Garner rabbi shy held.

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Carl Racine: In a in a commentary on those curses on that passages of curses in the book of deuteronomy asked the question, if fear and are so different.

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Carl Racine: Why does the same Hebrew word convey both meaning and his answer is profound.

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Carl Racine: Is what happens to fear when it stops being about me.

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Carl Racine: Fear becomes or when I forget about myself and focus only on God.

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Carl Racine: And that's precisely what happens in the book of Job Job



is utterly obsessed with his own personal situation and under understandably so, but only when his heart and mind are redirected outward.

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Carl Racine: Only when he stops thinking about himself in his situation and looks out towards the creation and the creator does his fear of the Lord.

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Carl Racine: become reverence and our unravel rabbi hillel goes on to comment that the same is true of the Hebrew word to die.

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Carl Racine: Which in modern Hebrew means Thank you if you go to Israel that's how you say thank you, but the Bible that word can mean either thanks or praise thanksgiving gratefulness for what God has done for me becomes praise when I stopped thinking about myself and direct my worship to God.

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Carl Racine: So worship is not about me and what i'm getting out of it.

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Carl Racine: What kind of quote unquote worship experience I am having I hate it when I hear people say that phrase, what kind of a worship experience, this is not about what kind of experience, you are having.

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Carl Racine: worship focuses on God and, ultimately, for all of our praise and worship, we should simply stand in silent amazement as we stop talking about ourselves and stop thinking about ourselves and try to listen to the still small voice from heaven.

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Carl Racine: Even if it makes us uncomfortable.

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Carl Racine: Again i'm gonna pause for comments or questions.

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James Williams: we're dealing with Sunday school, we had this text call the celebration of discipline and there was 10 disciplines in though I was teaching the class, I know I should have it committed to memory, but I really can't but I know that one of them was.

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James Williams: Not silence, but not speak, you know what can happen when you just stop all the noise oftentimes the young people, you know they've got earphones they've got boom boxes they've got stuff going on they're looking at their phone if you just stop.

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James Williams: It can meditate of the Lord not necessarily you listening, for his voice to kind of warm in here, but just stop and meditate and it's just absolutely amazing what can happen when you stop all the activity and it's so.

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James Williams: You know so many folks are just not with it at all, as you were saying about what happened at Bethel with pastor Bob some people are a little afraid of silence they're scared of it, I mean it's.

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James Williams: it's just amazing.

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James Williams: i'm gonna do some research, I will go back and research my books, I can give you a war but.

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Lauren Lapat: i'm really i'm really struck by this concept of silence, because at synagogue and I never noticed, you know so at temple Israel i've never noticed when i've been at Bethel but silence is built into every service.

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Lauren Lapat: That i've ever been to growing up.

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Lauren Lapat: Jewish, no matter what synagogue i've been in.

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Lauren Lapat: And it's the one place where I kind of struggle with what it means to be spiritual what it means to be connected, but they definitely feel off.

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Lauren Lapat: And I don't connect this notion of fear, except during the holidays with what's going to happen, you know with Yom Kippur war and things like that so it's interesting what you don't notice that's missing when you're somewhere else if if, like within my Jewish roots.

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Lauren Lapat: it's just built in.

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Carl Racine: And what what i'm trying to remember what point in the service is does that silent heart come.

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Lauren Lapat: It comes into phila in prayer and prayer there's a moment at the end where they give you the kind of call to finish this portion.

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Lauren Lapat: On your own, and you can use the words they always say use the words in the book to guide you and there's like 15 pages, where you can pick and choose or the words in your heart.

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Lauren Lapat: So it's it's always built in there.

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Lauren Lapat: um and then the other thing is I don't know if you guys have looked at MU star at all.

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Lauren Lapat: But blue star is sort of a Jewish spiritual pathway, and so there's this book called everyday Holiness, I can get it to you, Carl and basically there are these sort of.

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Lauren Lapat: pathway, for your soul right, and so one of the concepts is the role of silence, what does it mean, so there are there are like these in these different kind of concepts in Hebrew and one of them is silence like humility and the idea is that we all kind of have this.

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Lauren Lapat: I mean there's a lot of them, but it's like a map it's sort of the inner workings of your soul, and so there is one, specifically on silence.

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Lauren Lapat: And the impact of silence and they give you kind of like something to meditate on like a concept and, and so the the pieces is nothing is better than silence, what happens when you're silent.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: On it can you put that in our chat.

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Lauren Lapat: yeah sure.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Great Thank you.

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Carl Racine: Other thoughts.

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Carl Racine: everybody's silent.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What you were practicing that now brother Carl.

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Susan Racine: Looking through deuteronomy and that.

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Susan Racine: verse you read to us about the hidden things of God or secrets and and I have to say that.

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Susan Racine: job is a counter argument, because everything here in in this little section of deuteronomy is about the curses are going to occur if you don't stand close to God and follow his directions.

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Susan Racine: And the blessings that will occur if you do draw close to God and and walk in the path that he has set forth so.

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Susan Racine: You your job is set up in this there's a lot in the Bible to support if you're obedient to the Lord good things will happen to you if you're not bad things will happen to you, so there is.

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Susan Racine: That it runs through a lot of scripture.

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Carl Racine: Absolutely.

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Bill Hughes: I was thinking about.

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Bill Hughes: When you're silent, nothing else is happening.

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Bill Hughes: and

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Bill Hughes: I realized on my my bike rides i've been listening to things listening to email listening to you know i'm to read aloud text to speech and documents that I have to read.

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Bill Hughes: And it's been useful for, for you know getting up to

speed, but the same route that I make every day.

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Bill Hughes: I realized this past week, there were entire chunks of the ride that I didn't remember having even during that right, so I remember, for example, passing by wayland.

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Bill Hughes: High School which I do every day and I didn't this time I didn't even remember what whether I pass it, I know I passed it because of where I was in the room, but it spoke to me about.

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Bill Hughes: Even though we think we can do multiple things at one time really we we can't and our our our mind our conscience is you know it's really devoted to one thing or another, at a time, maybe we're doing switching back and forth a lot but.

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Bill Hughes: It degrades and experience so when we're talking we're not listening.

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Bill Hughes: we're not we're not silent we're not giving God a chance to impress on our spirit.

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Bill Hughes: You know, in a clear way.

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Bill Hughes: And, and even for us to reflect on ourselves in a clear way.

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Bill Hughes: So that was something that really spoke to me about the silence.

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Carl Racine: yeah I want to, I want to.

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Carl Racine: just respond to what Susan said because it it's there's a tension in the scriptures between the the sort of idea that if you're good God rewards you and if you're bad God punishes you.

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Carl Racine: And the kind of teaching that you see in the book like job or or even in Ecclesiastes these and in some other stories.

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Carl Racine: Including.

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Carl Racine: When Jesus is asked about the man who was born blind you know whose sin that this happened to him and Jesus says, you know that's that's just not the right question that that's not necessarily what's going on in this particular case, so there's a sense that the.

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Carl Racine: in general.

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Carl Racine: Following god's ways will will bring rewards and yet we We know from our experience that people who are faithful to God sometimes meet horrible fates.

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Carl Racine: The people who, in fact, sometimes it's the people who are the most faithful.

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Carl Racine: who end up being.

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Carl Racine: yeah martyrs is is it was the word I was thinking something less dramatic than that the people who who suffer for that to suffer for their faithfulness.

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Carl Racine: and

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Carl Racine: So job really wrestles with the fact that this simply the again because the sort of the argument that was making earlier today that we can't always understand how God operates or is operating.

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Carl Racine: means that.

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Carl Racine: there's no guarantee.

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Carl Racine: That doing what God asks of us will give you a wonderful life.

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Carl Racine: And so, then you have to say, well why, why should we do all of these things.

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Carl Racine: and find maybe different reasons for why we do them.

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Carl Racine: Because there's simply no guarantees you know.

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Carl Racine: god's plan for your life, maybe that you get shot outside of memphis hotel room or spend your whole life, working with lepers in an Indian leper colony or.

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Carl Racine: Whatever I mean.

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Carl Racine: It it doesn't mean you're not being faithful if you're suffering.

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Carl Racine: alright.



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Carl Racine: This is hard stuff.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well, it also makes it difficult to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: evangelize and bring people.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To the Lord because built into that is.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A possible expectation of trouble times and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: challenges and problems as we're now reading in in the Bible in the Old Testament and.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Who wants to sign up for that.

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Carl Racine: Well, I mean it's not just the Old Testament Jesus tells his disciples look, you know.

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Carl Racine: You see how i'm being treated you faithful to me you're gonna be treated the same way.

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Carl Racine: Jesus does not promise his disciples that everything's gonna go easily for them.

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Carl Racine: He doesn't promise them a bed of roses.

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Carl Racine: So.

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Marie Doubleday: It isn't it, how you define the better roses.

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Carl Racine: Sure, to some extent, can you elaborate on that.

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Marie Doubleday: Well i'm just listening to what brother bill has stated and.

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Marie Doubleday: i'm.

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Marie Doubleday: You know we've got what's across the street in folks know the Bethel angel of my laboratory docs and ricky who's getting older, now, but you know you bring him out.

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Marie Doubleday: And I brought him out the other day and he's good, but when he wants to stop you stop okay and we're down by the field and he stopped, and I think the reason why he had me stop was there were a couple little birds in the tree there and just to sit still and listen to the birds.

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Marie Doubleday: You know and get that that could be a lot of people might not define that as a better roses, but for a couple of minutes just watching them and their beauty.

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Marie Doubleday: became a better roses, and then another thing that came up I didn't completely watch it need to rewatch it the other night I was watching i'm.

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Marie Doubleday: Actually, a newsreel that they made into a movie about World War Two, the European theater and after Normandy day it

was in the winter and they were focusing on the American voices and you know the the Americans didn't expect the Germans to attack them.

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Marie Doubleday: But they were attacked and one of the things that comes to mind is if the Americans, they were kind of celebrating Christmas, but if they were quiet.

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Marie Doubleday: So you get what i'm saying yeah it was interesting you know, so this you know the my first graduate class.

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Marie Doubleday: In for.

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Marie Doubleday: counseling psychology the Professor I had actually became my advisor and the first thing he talked about was the power power of silence.

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Marie Doubleday: And there is power in it.

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Peter Barrant: You know, I think that the in the Bible we focus a lot on.

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Peter Barrant: serve God and you will be prosperous, but it right through the Bible, there are examples of people who serve God and not prosperous, I mean if you was it.

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Peter Barrant: Jeremiah for a while that they.

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Peter Barrant: Put in a cave or something like that, and you know even you know we talked about the Daniel in the lion's den but he was struggling.

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Peter Barrant: With Lions, that was not being prosperous at that time we look at the end, but we forget that people were going through stuff all all along and I think that even in the New Testament when you, you know you look at.

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Peter Barrant: The churches and they were talking about how people gave to help others why weren't why they even have to give to the other folks because the other folks were.

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Peter Barrant: were suffering they didn't have any any stuff so we kind of politely ignore the fact that, yes, there are all these people who were not prospering.

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Peter Barrant: But we're serving God at various times and we look at oh in the in the long run, but some of the stories don't have a long run, that we can we can see if some do so that that is actually a part of the Bible that we de emphasize.

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Marie Doubleday: yeah I guess is how you define prospering.

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Marie Doubleday: You know, we as Americans typically have a very narrow view of it, rather than just breathing in and kind of.

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Marie Doubleday: be open to other definitions of prospering.

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Lauren Lapat: Well, as I think it's not what's for us, but maybe what's for generations to come, you know, so this notion of thinking very much about me versus.

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Lauren Lapat: Others and and you know it sounded like when you were referencing Reverend Marianna hammons sermon at the beginning.

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Lauren Lapat: that a lot of that concept was there and also kind of inheriting the earth and and where you're going so Sometimes I get think we get so focused on a story or a piece and not think about the greater impact of Community and not just today but the communities to come.

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Peter Barrant: i'm glad you you referenced that story, because if you think about what happened to the person who said, I will not sell I mean that was not a good ending for him.

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Peter Barrant: So, again there these these things do occur and and as Carl has pointed out, many of the promises that we refer to as individual was actually speaking to the group.

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Peter Barrant: As opposed to an individual, so you know a lot of times when it was talking about you shall prosper, it was talking about the group not.

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Peter Barrant: You individually will prosper.

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Bill Hughes: yeah yeah you know I think there's two thoughts, two things are kind of come to mind one we've been talking one is about.

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Bill Hughes: Someone around what you're saying.

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Bill Hughes: The end was it.

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Bill Hughes: lauren thanks welcome you.

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Bill Hughes: know me the other focus.

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Bill Hughes: Is anything on the path to God.

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Bill Hughes: You know, and I, I do wonder, you know tell us you know there's all this suffering why I do this.

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Bill Hughes: And it's a good question for us to ask ourselves why are we doing.

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Bill Hughes: And where I think I have come in the last few years of my life is just to realize that i'd rather This, then, and then the other way, I know people who are.

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Bill Hughes: prosperous.

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Bill Hughes: and selfish.

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Bill Hughes: I don't want to be that way, if I had to be selfish and not be selfish.

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Bill Hughes: You know and and that's just like a small small example, and I do think that, when, God makes these promises for us to work together for us to support one another for us to be our brother's keeper he's basically saying I know you're giving something up but I designed the world so that.

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Bill Hughes: You will get returns for your sacrifice it's not linear it's not like every single time, but the the motion the dynamic of the way that god's creation works.

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Bill Hughes: prospers.

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Bill Hughes: Agreement prosperous love, even in the midst of selfishness, even in the midst of psychopathy even in the midst of.

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Bill Hughes: Evil that would try to.

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Bill Hughes: divide that would try to steal and take.

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00:47:56.640 --> 00:48:01.110

Bill Hughes: And and disrespect the other, you know God still says.

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Bill Hughes: don't give up on it, because it is the way of the universe, it is the way that I have made and.

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Bill Hughes: it's not a perfect way.

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Bill Hughes: But but it's a way that if you follow it God has.

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Bill Hughes: Has clued us in to your in line with with their creation and the power that i've put put in it and the glory that I put in it.

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Carl Racine: And I think lauren's point is is really, really important the Bible takes the long view of things and the Bible takes a communal view of things done so god's promises.

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Carl Racine: are to the Community, and so you see with Abraham, for example, excuse me.

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Carl Racine: Abraham God makes all these wonderful promises to Abraham

Abraham experiences very little of it.

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Carl Racine: And, and the the promise of the land, in particular, the only piece of the land that Abraham ever actually gets is a very small piece of property that he buys for a greatly inflated price to bury his wife to bury Sarah.

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Carl Racine: that's the only piece of the promised land Abraham ever gets and.

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Carl Racine: But but Abraham is faithful because of the long view this isn't going to happen overnight this isn't necessarily going to happen to me.

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Carl Racine: But this is a promise for you and your family, this is a promise for the larger community and one of the.

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Carl Racine: When when we think of the kind of riches that come from following God and god's ways for me, the first and most important source of that wealth is the Community and pastor has been talking about this in his community in his sermons the last few weeks so, though not quite in these terms.

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Carl Racine: But that's precisely where.

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Carl Racine: You find the strength and the love and the resources to carry on and do what God is asking us to do so.

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Carl Racine: I can I guess it was Peter, who was who was talking about some of the examples in the New Testament of the of have one Community of one church group having to financially support the the other church groups.

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Carl Racine: Who are not doing so well financially but that's precisely how this is designed to function that those who.

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Carl Racine: within the Community, in particular, I mean not just time at the world at large, but specifically the Community of the faithful are supposed to support one another and make sure.

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Carl Racine: That as deuteronomy 15 says there are to be no poor people in Israel there, there are there are resources there there in.

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Carl Racine: You know inadequately distributed and need to be redistributed to some extent and the resources aren't just financial.

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Carl Racine: But the Community is where the wealth really exists.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Did you want me to advance the slide.

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Carl Racine: I think I rather than moving, let me see if we want to move on one last well okay sure we we can go limit, no, no, let me just finish up with the two quotes that are on the screen and then we'll leave it for there.

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Carl Racine: So what i'm what i'm trying to argue, is that that in the Bible, the true fear of the Lord a proper proper reverence for the Holy one of Israel leads to worship.

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Carl Racine: And then ancient Israel sacrifices were an experience of both are and fear before the Lord coming close to God.

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Carl Racine: And yet being reminded of the danger of being close to holiness and we've talked about this in the past worship was a joyful

act and a perilous one and rabbi sacks points out that the first act of worship in Torah was the sacrifices of Cain and Abel and that led to the first murder.

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Carl Racine: And we also looked at the story of need to have an avenue the sons of Aaron who died tragically as they're coming to worship, because biblically worship encompasses both aspects of the fear of the Lord.

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Carl Racine: But the rabbinic tradition which we've looked at before and we've looked specifically these quotes before, but I brought them back again.

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Carl Racine: The rabbinic tradition insists that a mature spirituality worships God for who God is not for what God can do for or to you either positively or negatively.

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Carl Racine: The tradition teaches that one who observes god's commandments out of fear of punishment or love of reward is someone who does not worship, for the right reasons.

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Carl Racine: And although the rabbi's regularly speak of the rewards that come to those who are faithful, especially those who are faithful and studying Torah.

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Carl Racine: They also recognize that certain motivation in and of itself does not lead to a mature spiritual life.

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Carl Racine: piercy our vote the ancient collection of rabbinic wisdom sayings in the in the Tom of begins with this quote.

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Carl Racine: Do not be like servants who serve their master on condition of receiving reward but be like servants who serve their master not unconditionally receiving word and let the fear of heaven

be upon you.

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Carl Racine: And then my mind at ease a great 12th century Jewish philosopher labels worship, out of a desire for blessing or fear of punishment as unworthy.

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Carl Racine: And he says, this is not the level of the prophets were the wise, the only ones who serve God in this way or the uneducated and children, again, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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Carl Racine: and children who are trained to serve from fear in the sense of being afraid until their knowledge grows and they come to serve out of love.

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Carl Racine: So for the rabbi's and for the Bible itself, one of the main goals of the spiritual life is a deep reverence for God.

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Carl Racine: A fear of heaven that worships and serves God ultimately not out of being scared but out of love and out of appreciation for who God is and out of an understanding that will never really understand everything there is to know about God.

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Carl Racine: And at the same time, we stand, sometimes silently.

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Carl Racine: In our.

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Carl Racine: Before the creator of the universe.

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Carl Racine: So i'm going to leave it there for today we've come to the end of our time and next week, we will go on to see one final point about this, the connection between the fear of the Lord and obedience.

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Carl Racine: Any last comments before we close.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: As we have been talking about this, and particularly about suffering I apologize for my MIC being on i'm getting messages from India.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Please keep them in your prayer they're having.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: record setting flooding that happened six years ago in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Actually, when the buddies were here and they went home and all that flooding.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So please keep them in prayer their power comes on and off they've now sent me video clips that look like lakes in the streets.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And that impacts, a lot of people just because of their their living conditions so i'll keep you posted keep you all up to date, but that's a real life example of struggling and suffering that people are dealing with, right now, as we speak.

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Carl Racine: And maybe, just to clarify for people who don't know and especially for lauren who who's new.

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Carl Racine: We we have something like 120 me churches in India now is that.

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Correct.

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Carl Racine: me church number of years ago, establish a connection with.

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Carl Racine: With a bunch of independent churches in India who decided to kind of come under the AMA umbrella, so we have we have a direct connection there.

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Carl Racine: too.

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Carl Racine: A large number of people and sister carolyn particular has made numerous trips with with groups to India to visit these people and those them personally and they've been in our church as well.

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Carl Racine: So maybe sister kill, you could close us out with prayer specifically remembering our Indian brothers and sisters.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Dear Lord in heaven Thank you so much for your timeliness and timing of everything.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Instead of looking at this important lesson our Jewish roots and looking at it from the perspective of challenges and suffering and job experiences, etc, here it is tied to something that is actually unfolding right now, yet again in India.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We pray Lord for those who live in those very, very.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: unstable homes that have thatched roofs that

clearly are going to be in the in harm's way as the government decides to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Let the water out of the reservoirs because it's reaching capacity, because of all the water that's come in over the last 24 hours those individuals are going to be impacted the most.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: they've been asked to evacuated we pray Lord for our friends the buddies who right now I don't think they have power as we speak, it comes on and off.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: not sure about their building there on the second floor so they'll have to give us an assessment of what's going on in their basement or their their first floor areas.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But, nonetheless, this is just a reminder of how we need your protection and your guidance, whether we're talking about ancient days or now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Lord Thank you so much for the connection that we continue to have with temple Israel that now brings lauren.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: to visit with us from time to time, what a blessing, because not only is she participating but Lord she's contributing and giving us information that we can use and study and have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In terms of a thorough and more deeper understanding of the Jewish roots that we have in the connections that we have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We thank brother Carl and sister Susan for returning safely from vacation and we say thank you so much for his perspective his wisdom and his masterful teaching that continues to

lead this class to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Higher heights because of what he shares with us, we pray Lord for sister audrey and sister and brother.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Anderson and their family their adopted and biological children regardless, and all that they are facing talking about challenges right now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: May their love be sustained and may the support that they need be granted may they provide and receive the kind of services that will help them to move forward.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: in a sustainable way we say thank you, Lord for our families for those who have gathered, who are so faithful coming to this class.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Because it means so much and we learn so much because of the wisdom that you have, in part, part of the pond brother Carl and others.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you, Lord, for all that you continue to do help us to keep safe in the midst of coven that is very much alive and well.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And we just hope that this will be a week of reflection and may we carve out two minutes in our schedule sometime this week to be silent and to say nothing but to take in all the wonders that you provide for us each and every day this we ask in your precious name amen.

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Alright, have a good week everybody.

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Lauren Lapat: nice to see everybody.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bye bye.