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What's missing:

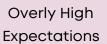
First things (21:4)
Sea (21:1)
Temple (21:22)
Sun and moon (21:23)
Night (21:25)
Unrighteous (21:27)
Curse (22:3)

What's there:

Life (22:2) God (22:4) Eternity (22:5)

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Perfectionist

Little room for grace
Demanding of self
Constantly pushing
self
Faith defined by duty
and obligation
Hard to enjoy faith
because one
realizes that
he could do
more

Never satisfied
Difficulty forgiving self



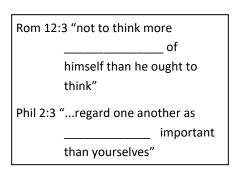
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Very Low Expectations

Difficulty believing God

loves you
Sees self as "one
talent" or "no
talent"
Often compares self to
others
Hard to enjoy faith
because one
realizes that
they can't do
much

Hard to imagine self being in Heaven



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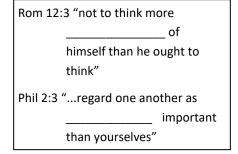
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