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Women who wear pants are going to hell.

I know that because my Sunday school
teacher told me so.

Heaven is like an amusement park;
kids under twelve get in free.

For everyone else, you have to be good all the time,
or else be careful not to get hit by a car
just after you've done something bad.

Cleanliness is next to godliness,
so be sure to keep your house in a perfect state
of cleanness, or all the church ladies
will cluck their tongues at you.

They might even call a meeting to pray for
"Poor Kelly, who is backsliding again."

Wash your hands until they bleed.

Stigmata.

Penance.

Lock yourself up in your house; a fortress
to keep out all the evil clawing at your door.

Shut yourself in your room.

Meditate on the Word of the Lord.

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Keep the evil thoughts at bay.

If you say them out loud,

it means you are evil at heart.

Don't blaspheme the Holy Ghost.

God doesn't love you.

You are unlovable.

God won't forgive you.

You are unforgivable.

Going to burninhell.

Feel the adrenaline coursing
through your body.

It's the Fear of God.