

MADE TO LIVE IN AWE OF GOD

EXODUS 3:2-14



Losing Godly Awe - Luke 8:9-14

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- **Proverbs 9:10 NIV**, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
 - **TLB**, For the reverence and fear of God are basic to all wisdom. Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.
 - This could also read, “Seeing the awe or the awesomeness of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

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- Godly fear or awe is a deep reverence and respect for God that involves acknowledging His power, majesty, and goodness
 - Which should result in a desire to imitate, obey and honor Him
 - It is distinct from ungodly or worldly fear, which is based on anxiety and alarm
 - Godly fear or awe can be our source of peace, courage, and assurance
 - It allows us to recognize our dependence on God while also experiencing His loving mercy and forgiveness

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- Can you imagine what it was like for Adam and Eve in the Garden
 - Just experiencing creation at the start and intimately knowing the One who did it
 - If they need to know something they just went to the One who would know, their creator
 - Somewhere along the line life may have become tiring, same old-same old, unchanging, routine, predictable, and maybe boring
 - They started listening to another voice that questioned their Creator, and it sounded exciting and new and profitable

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- Can you imagine what it was like for Adam and Eve in the Garden
 - I believe they lost their awe of their Creator and ended up rebelling against His knowledge and loving commands
- I wonder if Christians in America today are losing our awe of God
 - We focus almost exclusively on the love of God, the power of God, presence of God
 - Reverential fear/awe is the foundation all of God's characteristics rests upon

Scripture

- **Psalm33:1-11 TLB**, 1 Let all the joys of the godly well up in praise to the Lord, for it is right to praise him. 2 Play joyous melodies of praise upon the lyre and on the harp. 3 Compose new songs of praise to him, accompanied skillfully on the harp; sing joyfully.
 - 4 For all God's words are right, and everything he does is worthy of our trust. 5 He loves whatever is just and good; the earth is filled with his tender love. 6 He merely spoke, and the heavens were formed and all the galaxies of stars. 7 He made the oceans, pouring them into his vast reservoirs.

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 - How?
 - I'm sure they were taught all the stories of what God had done
 - I'm sure they were taught the Law

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 - How?
 - I wonder if it was the children witnessing the awe of the Lord fading in the lives of the generation before

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- When you lose the awe of the Lord then life becomes all about you and yours
 - Some did not obey the Lord's commands when entering the Promised Land and it seemed to be ok
 - "No one has invaded us yet, crops keep coming up, no severe weather issues"
 - Does this not sound familiar today?
- Let **Psalm 33** instruct us in how to keep the awe of the Lord fresh in our daily lives and pass it onto the next generation

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 - “Let all the joys of the godly”

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- What joys does God bring to your relationship that are unattached to your current circumstances?
 - There is the joy of salvation
 - There is the joy of His constant presence
 - There is the joy of promised eternal life
 - There is the joy of promised deliverance
 - There is the joy of family
- Do a spiritual scavenger hunt

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 - “Let all the joys of the godly well up”
 - “well up” - To gradually or steadily flow upwards or outwards so as to begin to fill or overflow something
 - Let these godly joys well up within you and take the place of your worries, cares, impending decisions...

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 - “For it is right for you to praise him”
 - As a born-again child of God, it is right and proper and prosperous for you to praise Him
 - “But I don’t feel like it”
 - “It doesn’t look like God is doing anything”
 - “The hurt is too deep”

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 - How Randy?
 - “Sing joyfully” – Full of emotions, anticipated hope, confidence in your Heavenly Father, letting your tears flow without embarrassment
 - Listen to the joyful singing of others around you

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 - Be in awe of the Word of the Lord because it is always right, correct and worthy of your respect and trust
 - Be in awe of God's tender love for you, shown in the glory of the Cross of Jesus Christ

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 - **Romans 5:8 NIV**, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
 - If God loved us like this before salvation how much more after we are presentable to Him

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 - Be in awe of the Holy Spirit, the power of creation, living inside of you
 - **1st Corinthians 2:16 NIV**, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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 - Be in awe of God's creation
 - Don't let science, philosophy or any other man made design strip from you the awe of God speaking into existence the heavens and earth
 - Be in awe of God's power, authority, and creativeness

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- **Psalm 2:1-6 TLB**, What fools the nations are to rage against the Lord! How strange that men should try to outwit God! 2 For a summit conference of the nations has been called to plot against the Lord and his Messiah, Christ the King. 3 “Come, let us break his chains,” they say, “and free ourselves from all this slavery to God.”
 - 4 But God in heaven merely laughs! He is amused by all their puny plans. 5 And then in fierce fury he rebukes them and fills them with fear.
 - 6 For the Lord declares, “This is the King of my choice, and I have enthroned him in Jerusalem, my holy city.”

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 - God's own plan, desires, and will stands forever
 - How do we know?
 - The world appeared at His command

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 - “Yes, but Satan and sin have ruined God’s plan”
 - **Revelation 13:8 NIV**, “the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.”

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 - When you see an obstacle God sees and opportunity
 - His intentions are the same for every generation
 - God's intentions will never change from one generation to the next

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 - Godly truth is perfect truth no matter the calendar date, the circumstances of life, depth of sin
 - Be in awe of the consistency of God

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- **2nd Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV**, 23 “imprisonments with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers”

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- What kept the Apostle Paul going forward?
 - An awesome God found him on a Damascus road and saved him
 - An awesome God allowed him to see and experience the wonders of God's power and authority
 - An awesome God promised to present Paul faultless with great joy
 - Just like Paul we can also find countless joys in our journey walking with God daily, so we don't lose our awe of God

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