



Seek Humility

Stand in Awe of God

John 13:12-17

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ROAD MAP

- I. Stand in Awe of who God is in the Bible
- II. Living in the Right Perspective of Who We Are compared to Who God is.
- III. Understand that the complete Gospel Story is Our Story too.





Stand in Awe: Psalm 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.





Stand in Awe

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⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.” (2 Chron. 16:9)



Stand in Awe of Who God is

- Moses – Exodus 3:1-17
- Isaiah - Isaiah 6:1-8
- John - Revelation 1:12-18



Stand in Awe: Moses Before God



⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, **“Moses! Moses!”**

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ **“Do not come any closer,”** God said. **“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”** ⁶ Then he said, **“I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”** **At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.**



Stand in Awe: Isaiah's Willingness



In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.



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⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”



Stand in Awe: John's Obedience



Revelation 1:12-18 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands **was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.**



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¹⁷ **When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.** Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.



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The Humility of Jesus: Our Motivation



Philippians 2:6-8

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death - **even death on a cross!**





The Complete Gospel

1. Created in God's Image
2. The Fall of Man
3. Jesus' Saving Redemption
4. Your Response

1 Cor 15:3-6

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day **according to the Scriptures**, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living.”



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Jesus Washing Disciples Feet

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.** ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ **Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.** ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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Have Humility and Listening Hearts to be teachable and learn about God this year:

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