

The Awe of God

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Our sun is a star, and is 93 million miles from our earth. There are an estimated 100 billion stars in our galaxy.

Our galaxy has a radius of an estimated 52,850 light years. There are 6 trillion miles in a light year. This would make the radius of our galaxy 317,100 trillion miles in length.

There are an estimated 125 billion galaxies in the observable universe. If each galaxy is as large as our galaxy, the Milky Way, one can only imagine how big the universe is in miles. Now we can understand the Scriptures in Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 3 (KJV):10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. 11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 8 (KJV):17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

Then we read in **Romans 11 (KJV):**33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

And in **Isaiah 55 (KJV):**8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Our God is an awesome God, as we read in **Deuteronomy 10 (NASB):**17 For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe.

And in **Nehemiah 1 (NASB):**5 I said, "Please, Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps the covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments:

And in **Daniel 9 (NASB):**4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed, and said, "Oh, Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and faithfulness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned, we have done wrong, and acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

Our God is the one who created the heavens and the earth, as we read in **Genesis 2 (KJV):**4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

And in **Isaiah 42 (KJV):5** Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

And in **Isaiah 45 (KJV):18** For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

This is why we stand in awe of Him, as in **Psalms 33 (NASB):8** Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

And in **Job 5 (NASB):2** "Dominion and awe belong to Him Who makes peace in His heights.

And in **Psalms 22 (NASB):23** You who fear the Lord, praise Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

We must remember the words of Jeremiah in **Jeremiah 2 (NIV):19** Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me," declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.

The Lord Almighty who created the heavens and the earth deserves our awe. He alone is the great and awesome God, and there is none else, as we read in **Isaiah 46 (KJV):9** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

With Him, all things are possible, as Jesus taught in **Matthew 19 (KJV):26** But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

There is salvation in no one else, as Peter testified in **Acts 4 (KJV):10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The message is really very simple, as Paul spoke in **Romans 10 (KJV):8** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

So if we believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and we confess Him as Lord, we will be saved. We are not saved by our works, as we read in **Ephesians 2 (KJV):8** For

by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

It is simple faith in Jesus Christ that saves us. Our God is a personal God who knows His sheep by name, as Jesus taught in **John 10 (KJV)**:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

And His grace, the grace that saves us, abounds toward us, as in **Ephesians 1 (NASB)**:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, 10 regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

Now, just think of the riches of His grace coming all the way from heaven, where God is, outside of the universe. This is the grace of God that saves us coming all the way from heaven.

Psalms 48 (KJV):1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.