

Living in awe of God – Psalm 33 July 24th 2016

“Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him.” Psalm 33: 8

1. To live in awe of God, I need to respect him

“For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command” v9

“He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth” v5

Respect begins when I acknowledge and accept that he is God and deserves my respect
And grows as I get to know God more .

2. To live in awe of God, I need to have a healthy fear of him

“But the Lord’s plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken” v11

“The Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine” v18,19

A healthy fear means

- i. I acknowledge that God is in control
- ii. I accept is salvation and provision
- iii. I give him prominence in my life

3. To live in awe of God, I need to take time to be in wonder of him

“We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone. V20-22

We can take time to wonder at God through

- i. His word
- ii. His Creation
- iii. His work in our lives

As we wonder we will grow in our response towards God. Through...

- i. **Trust** *Psalm 33.v20-21*
- ii. **Praise** *Psalm 33v1*
- iii. **Confession** *Psalm 32:5*
- iv. **Prayer** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*
- v. **Thanksgiving** *Hebrews 12:28*
- vi. **Giving** *Romans 12:8*

Challenge

1: When will I spend more time with God and his word?

2: Will I have the courage to accept God’s way and allow him to have prominence in my life

3: What do I need to do to take the time to enjoy, wonder and respond to God?