

The draw of AWE

Genesis 28¹⁰⁻¹⁷

We are designed for awe



Children's talk: Let's celebrate!

Introduction

A calculated risk

AWE is anywhere & everywhere

Awesome places & Awesome positions (Genesis 28^{11, 16-17})

Awesome dreams & Awesome ideas (Genesis 28¹²⁻¹⁵)

Awesome people & Awesome love (Song 6^{4,10})

Awesome experiences & Awesome encounters (Song 6⁴⁻¹⁰, Gen 28¹⁰⁻¹⁷)

AWE is in the image of God

Constitution

Connection

Connotation

AWE is an indicator of who we are

Seeking

Finding

Taking

Conclusion

A reason for the risk

A word for our end



Questions answered

- What was awesome about the place where Jacob was?
- How was Jacob feeling at the point?
How does this connect with other ways in which the Hebrew word for "awe" can be translated?
What is an advantage of the word "awe"?
- What was the essence of God's promise to Jacob?
What is so special (or awesome) about this?
- What was the significance of the ladder & the angels in Jacob's dream?
- What did Solomon declare to be awesome concerning his bride, the Shulamite?
- What is the context of this passage within the story of the song?
How does this make his declaration even more awesome?
- What is a connecting link between the two texts (apart for the word awesome) – what is it that is so awesome in both cases?
- What is the dictionary definition of "awe"?
- What does Paul Tripp mean by his statement that "Awe is everyone's life long pursuit"? What do you think of this?
- What do we mean by "the draw of awe"?
- How does the concept of awe help us connect with non-Christians?
- In what way is it similar to, but perhaps more helpful than the concept of everyone being a worshipper or everyone being religious?
- Where is awe meant to take us?
- How can we express man's chief end in terms of awe?



Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- How can I use the concept of awe to connect better with my non-christian friends?