

The LORD and AWE

Job 38, Isaiah 40

Our God is awfully awesome



Children's talk: Weighing the world

Introduction (Job 31)

Our tendency to be in awe of ourselves Job 28²⁸, 31⁵⁻⁴⁰

Our God is awful over everyone (Job 38-42)

Our God says we are in awful trouble Job 38¹⁻¹⁸ 40¹⁻⁸

Our God is so dreadful Job 42⁷

Our God is awesome over creation (Isaiah 40)

Our God is so big Isa 40^{12, 15, 17}

Our God is so mighty Isa 40^{22, 25-26}

Our God is so wise Isa 40¹³⁻¹⁴

Our God is so just Isa 40¹⁴

Our God is awfully awesome over redemption (Isaiah 40)

Our God is so tender Isa 40^{1-2, 11}

Our God is so forgiving Isa 40²

Our God is so rewarding Isa 40¹⁰

Our God is so empowering Isa 40²⁹⁻³¹

Conclusion (Job 42)

Our privilege to be in awe of God and abide with Him Job 42^{1, 3, 6}



Questions answered

- How is awe a unifying principle for all people?
- How is this lived out in a fallen world?
- What is the background to Job's deep trials?
- Does Job sin in his response to the explanations & accusations of his three "friends"? In what way?
- How does God respond to Job?
- What does this reveal to us about God?
- What can the word "awful" mean in different contexts?
- In what sense is God awful? To whom?
- Can God be awful & awesome at the same time?
- What are some ways in which God's awesomeness over creation is seen?
- Why is God's awesomeness over redemption even greater?
- What are some ways in which this is manifest?
- Why is it a privilege to live in awe of God?



Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- In what ways am I prone to be a bit too much in awe of myself?
- How can I cultivate in my heart a real appreciation of the awesomeness of God?
- In what ways can I expect God to keep reminding me of the privilege of living in awe of Him?