

## WHERE IS THE AWE?

Scripture reading: Ex 19:14-18

- I. **Today we live in a society that sets very little aside to hold in respect, to honor or consider sacred, especially concerning God and spiritual matters.**
  - a. It is okay to lie, be deliberately biased or prejudiced and to deceive others.
  - b. Nothing is above ridicule or mockery, little if anything is trustworthy.
  - c. Everything done seems to be for some self-serving reason.
- II. **For all their faults, flaws, and failures, Old Testament Israel at times did hold God in awe.** A sense of that awe can be found in their journey to Jerusalem three times a year by their words in the singing of psalms.
  - A. **Deuteronomy 16:16-17:**
    - a. All of the adult men of Old Testament Israel were commanded to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for national sacrificial worship three times each year.
      - a. At the time of the feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles.
    - b. Families could accompany them.
  - B. **In the book of Psalms there is a collection of psalms (Psalm 120 to Psalm 134) that are known as the songs of ascents.**
    - a. These are probably the words they sang on their pilgrimage.
    - b. Here are some of those Psalms. Listen to these verses in their songs as they gathered to praise and honor God. Listen to the awe.

**Psalm 122**

**Psalm 125**

**Psalm 128**

**Psalm 131**

**Psalm 134**

- III. People often talk about God. But in what ways do we consider God as awesome?
  - A. Mine is that in many places today men and women are worshipping God through Christ as they sit on wooden benches or even dirt floors. But God has zero problems understanding them, knowing them, or making it possible for all of them to be His sons and daughters.
  - B. Because of Jesus Christ all persons can be children of God. No one is too small for God to hear, understand, and help. He is awesome/

**Conclusion – Psalm 4:1-4, let us stand in awe of God.**