

## RockPointe Church Sermon Notes

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Scriptures: Psalm 145:1-7, Psalm 19:1-2, Psalm 8:1-4, Psalm 147:4-13, Psalm 33: 6, 13-19, Psalm 20 :6-7

**Awe** definition: A feeling of respect mixed with fear and wonder.

### **As a society we are experiencing Awe Deprivation**

A state of lacking experiences of awe which can lead to feelings of isolation, anxiety, and a diminished sense of connection to the world.

Scientist at NYU – “There has been a dangerous rise in anxiety, depression, loneliness, unhappiness in our country - especially on our young in their developmental years. When you are on devices (“experience blockers”) you are constantly being interrupted with beeps and buzzes. It’s like being tapped on the shoulder - you have to look. This impedes deep thinking and it’s only in the depths that we find meaning. Young people are constantly dwelling in the shallows - they are like fish growing up in a rain puddle, they can’t reach their full potential. They have been bombarded by triviality and it’s keeping them from the depths they need. The greatest concern for young people today is that they stand in awe of nothing.

What our children need, what we all need, is to perceive VASTNESS that requires ACCOMODATION - to perceive something and be so OVERWHELMED by its beauty, power, majesty and virtue that we are unable to assimilate it into our current mental structures and so must accommodate - it does not move, WE MOVE, and we are changed by the experience.

### **Psalm 145:4-5 ESV**

One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

### **The Majesty of God in Creation:**

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**Psalm 19:1 ESV** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

### **The Majesty of God in the Universe:**

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**Psalm 8:3 ESV** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place

**Psalm 147:4 ESV** He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

### **This majestic, awe-inspiring God cares for you:**

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- **Psalm 8:3-4 ESV**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place  
what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

**This majestic, awe-inspiring God comes close to you:**

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**Psalm 145:18 ESV**

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**This majestic, awe-inspiring God has the power to save you:**

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**Psalm 33:6, Psalm 33:13-19 ESV**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man from where he sits enthroned, he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

**So how do we respond?**

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**With Awe**

“Happy the soul that has been awed by a view of God's majesty.”

**With Trust**

**Psalm 20:6-7 ESV**

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**With Worship**

**Psalm 8:1 ESV**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Scriptures: Psalm 145:1-7, Psalm 19:1-2, Psalm 8:1-4, Psalm 147:4-13, Psalm 33: 6, 13-19, Psalm 20 :6-7

Have different people from small group read the verses above aloud, prior to beginning group discussion.

**Icebreaker** – Share about the last time you experienced awe (respect/fear combined with wonder)

1. What do we learn about the character of God from these verses &/or this sermon? How do the attributes of God described in these scriptures influence your view of Him?
2. Specifically, how and where is God's majesty and glory revealed according to Psalm 19:1-2?
3. How can you practically implement David's pledge in Psalm 145:2, to personally praise God daily?
4. What does it mean to you that God's greatness is "unsearchable"? (Psalm 145:3)
5. How can you actively pass on the knowledge of God's wondrous acts to the next generation, as suggested in Psalm 145 verses 4-7?
6. Compare and contrast God's power to mankind as mentioned in Psalm 33:13-19. No matter how much perceived power or prestige we may have, we will always lack the power to do what?
7. Destin cautioned us to beware of the temptation the enemy used in the beginning in the garden, again with Jesus, and still tries to lure us into believing today. What is the lie?
8. In Psalm 8, verses 3-4 David is overwhelmed by the majesty of God and yet, also has a proper understanding of God's care and mindfulness. What can we learn from this passage that is helpful to remember when we feel like God is distant &/or uncaring?
9. What are your "awe experience blockers"? Specifically, what kinds of things numb or blind us to the majesty and wonder of God? How and why do these things impact our zeal for evangelism?
10. How can we (as individuals and as a small group) both cultivate wonder and guard our heart from "standing in awe of nothing?"
11. What is one area that you are struggling to trust God with this week? How is Psalm 20:6-7 challenging &/or encouraging to help you trust God more fully?

### For further application:

1. Memorize Psalm 145:4-5 or Psalm 8: 3-4 this week individually or as a small group.
2. Prayerfully consider – has your view of God become too small? Has your concept of God become "Manageable.. encouraging but not awe inspiring, helpful but not holy?"
3. Take a nature walk at LLELA or Lake Grapevine, watch a sunrise or sunset, unplug and disconnect from technology and go outside individually or as a small group. Look and listen, ask the Lord to stir up your awareness of his majesty, beauty and splendor. Afterwards, take some time to write down your experience.

### Discussion prompts for students/young adults from Paul Tripp:

What is the most majestic, beautiful, impressive thing in creation that you can think of? Did you know that you have more beauty and honor and value to God than that, because you are made in his image? Nothing that anyone says or does to you can reduce your value to God. In fact, God values you so much that he sent his only Son to die for you –to make you his child forever; that's how much you matter! How

can you remind yourself of the love that God has for you when you don't feel loved? And, as you remind yourself of that love, how can you love others who feel unlovable?