

## YOUR GOD IS AWESOME

Psalm 111:9 “He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!”

“Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.” (Psalm 111:1-4)

As I write this devotion early Christmas morning, I am overwhelmed as I continue to meditate upon last night's Christmas Eve worship service and the message of the many Christmas devotions over the past several weeks. God's love has been so evident. God's plan of salvation has been so clear. God's presence is sure. God's promises are fulfilled. Your God, my God is awesome.

It is good to think and meditate a bit more deeply on today's devotional theme, the awesomeness of God. Your God is awesome! When this is said it is good to dwell a bit on what this means. It means His love, His gift of Jesus, your salvation, is amazing, mind-boggling, incredible, astounding, extraordinary and wondrous. That God sent His only Son to earth knowing the sacrifice He would offer in your behalf for your forgiveness, to earn for you a place in heaven IS beyond all human reason and understanding. Thus, the Psalmist wrote He is “holy and awesome.”

And the Psalmist gives the reason for using this reverential word. For awesome contains the word “awe.” This word is used frequently in the Bible in relation to a true believer's relationship with God. As a true believer you are in awe of Him. This recent Christmas season you once again gazed into the manger of Bethlehem, saw the very face of God who took on human flesh to go to Calvary's cross for your salvation. With amazement were you not filled with joy to know God loved you so much to send His Son to do this for you? Was not the wonder of this extraordinary gift of God so evident as you sang Joy to the World or Silent Night, Holy Night?

God “sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!” (Psalm 111:9) God grant you His Holy Spirit to fill your heart and life with awe, wonder and amazement at the awesomeness of your God.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, You are my awesome God to whom this day I give honor, glory and praise for having kept Your promise to send Jesus to save me and all people from their sins. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with awe for all you do for me in and through Christ Jesus my LORD and Savior. Amen.

A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure;  
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!

Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And  
peace to all the earth

The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from on high (refrain)

Since all He comes to ransom, By all e He adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the LORD. (refrain)

All idols then shall perish And Satan's dying cease,  
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. (refrain)  
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