



## Have an Awe-Full Day

**“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw Adonai sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe (beams of His glory) filled the Temple. Above it stood TzarHapanim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh Tzeveot; the whole earth is full of His glory!” And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of Him who cried out, and the House was filled with smoke.**

**So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh Tzeveot.”**

**Then one of the TzarHapanim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.”**

**Also I heard the voice of Adonai, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”**

**Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”**

**And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return and be healed.”**

**Then I said, “Adonai, how long?”**

**And He answered: “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate, Yahweh has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. But yet a tenth will be in it, and will return and be for consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump.” (Isaiah 6)”**

Emile Cioran, the Romanian Philosopher, who was also the son of a Greek Orthodox priest asked this question: “Is there a pure feeling which fails to betray the mixture of grace and imbecility, a blissful admiration without an eclipse of the intelligence?” I can answer him with an unequivocal yes – the sense of awe.

Originally the word “awful” meant full of awe. During this season what concerns me is that we may have taken away our sense of awe. When we were children, all it took to flood our soul with awe was the retelling story of an impish elf dressed all in red charging across the skies from the arctic Netherlands just to personally bring us our hearts desire. We could barely rest our heads on our pillow because our hearts were racing with such a sense of awe. “While visions of sugarplums danced in [our] heads.”

Then, we found out it was all a lie. The fanciful story wasn't true at all. Our parents had plunged into debt trying to fulfill our selfish desires every year.

Now we come to find out that not only was Santa a lie but the religious aspect of the season that we held so dear racing to the Church in the middle of the night to welcome the Christ child wasn't only not true but in actuality was idolatry. You can remember what it felt like when your sense of awe departed. So, for the next few minutes I want you to listen with an open mind. Remember, you do not have to have a hole in your head to have an open mind. Let me ask you a question, when is the last time you were in a profound state of awe.

By in large, most people have lost their sense of awe for a completely different reason. Familiarity has bred contempt.

Awe is two things: (1) vast with no barriers; (2) not about you, it is way more than self. In a state of awe, we are drawn out of ourselves, seeing that which is beyond us. In fact when you are unaware of yourself you are the happiest. Behavioral Scientists tell us we have a place in our brains that scream for someone out there in the great beyond that I call a "Yah Spot" where we crave communication with a higher being and that spot lights up every time we experience awe in hopes of contact.

## **Gaining the Perspective of Awe**

The main reason we have lost our sense of awe is we are so self-actualized. That's why we carry around cell phones or should I say self-ones. Western Culture has destabilized the whole world with our unholy religion of self.

We are imprisoned to self-motivation. There is a tyranny to self-motivated positive thinking. Sometime you just need to feel real. Everyone has different feelings, from those that make us happy, to feelings of anger that make us want to attack. The whole self-help movement is based on "stop thinking negatively - Motivate your way out of trouble - Virtually get over it. You don't have actually deal with the problem just virtually deal with it and suppress it and think (pretend) it away." The problem with this is at the first sign of anger it all comes vomiting out on the nearest person to you.

Everyone feels angry at some time and this is normal. In ancient times, when you had to fight to get food or protect yourself, anger helped you to stay alive. However, the thing we feel most often is anger because we have been conditioned for control. Anger is about control. We do not feel successful if we are not in control. 90% of heart attacks occur while the person is angry. Anger is not good for you. When you get angry, your heart beats faster, you breath harder and faster, your face reddens, your body heats up and you begin to sweat, your muscles tense, you start shaking or trembling, your body send thousands of tiny little "sticky platelets" that adhere to blood vessel walls and increase the risk for blood clots, cordisal is emitted to help you store up fat, your bladder restricts and your immune system is compromised. These changes are your body's way of preparing you for 'fight or flight'. Anger is a deadly emotion.

**"Be ye angry, and sin not: do not let the sun go down upon your wrath (Ephesians 4:26)"**

Constructive anger realizes that our strength is forged in the crucible of adversity. Feel the anger and then instead of looking for the blame and the nearest person to attach it to funnel that energy into something constructive. Understand that even if a person has wronged you Yahweh has allowed this into your life because you needed it to make you the person He wants you to be. Wow, that's awe-full!

**"... we know that all things work together for good to those who love Yahweh, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)"**

Now, it's easy to forgive someone for the wrong done us if we can embrace that Yahweh is in control. That will give us the time to look at the situation and see what made that person act in such a way. We have been lead to believe to err is dysfunctional and to forgive is co-dependant. Was it the person's pain, or past, or poor self-esteem that caused them to treat us in such a way? If so, how can I be an agent of healing to that person?

**"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for Yahweh's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says Yahweh (Deuteronomy 32:35). On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. (Proverbs 25:21, 22)" Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:19-21)"** Recognizing how small we are in the face of the mystery of life, causes us to relax our small perceptions of dangers or being wronged and open to a comforting Reality that is beyond our grasp. At the ocean, at the birth of a baby, at the graveside, in any situation in which we understand that we are out of control, we can be overtaken by awe.

That does not mean you're going to fake being nice to the person just to make them feel crummy. Rather the **"burning coals"** we hope to pour on them is from the same place the man of Yahweh received them **"taken with the tongs from the altar"** for those coals will purge out the bitterness of our enemy and give favor for us in his heart. **"...one of the TzarHapanim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."** How awe-full!

That is not to say there are no evil people in the world. Unregenerate people are just plain evil. **"For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (Luke 6:44-46)"** We are born with both a good inclination and an evil inclination. Unregenerate people favor the Dark Side which ministers to the evil inclination. **"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of Yahweh... (1 John 4:1)"** We should be skeptical but not cynical. **"By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. (Matthew 7:16, 17)"**

Feelings are real to the person feeling them and are usually based on our past feelings. Professor emeritus of psychology at Harvard University, Jerome Kagger, in his new book, "The Long Shadow of Temperament" found there is such a thing as temperament. We usually react to people through the filter of our memories. Even the one cell animal Paramecium knows where the food is, senses it and remembers and returns to that place to feed and remembers where the light is, feels it, and avoids it. That is why vaccines work; the immune system records the disease by experiencing it and remembers how to fight it. And that is just what Dr. Kagger found in people, feelings matter in behavior, generally people as a child are as happy as there ever going to be. People are a composite of everyone they've cared about and everything they've experienced.

It is awesome to feel. **"I rejoice greatly in Yahweh that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. (Philippians 4:10-12)"** Be content. Don't focus on yourself. How much time do you spend on others?

**"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'"**  
**"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Sovereign, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"**

**And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'**

**Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'**

**Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Sovereign, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?"**

**Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)"**

Are you living a life of joy? Think of the person who knows you best – are you a joy to that person everyday?

If anger is deadly, love is healing. No one heals alone. No matter how depressed you get, never turn inward. "... prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; Yahweh will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. (James 5:15-17)"

## **The Priest of Awe**

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a Kingdom of Priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words Yahweh had commanded him to speak. (Exodus 19:5-7)"

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood (Kingdom of Priests), an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9)."

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a Kingdom of Priests to serve his Elohim and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amien. (Revelation 1:6)"

"You have made them to be a Kingdom of Priests to serve our Elohim, and they will reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:10)"

There is one major characteristic of a righteous priest, to be a Yahweh-fearing person. "Yahweh commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear Yahweh our Elohim (Deuteronomy 6:24)." Yet doesn't the Word say: "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one. Love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)" "In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:17-19)" This seems to be a contradiction until we find that the Hebrew word translated as fear is "yare" meaning "to stand in awe."

As a Kingdom of Priest we to "yir'at harom'mut," have "awe of the sublime." To have an overpowering awareness of the power of Yahweh, this is the essential quality true worship.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)" The Greek word for "meeting together" is "episunagoge," a verb meaning "to go to synagogue." The reason for this is as priests we need the regular exposure to the special quality of awe that only comes from being in the presence of Yahweh. Going to synagogue is like making a miniature pilgrimage to Jerusalem. "The holy city is named "Yerushalayim," for she contains both yir'ah (awe) and shalom (peace). ("The Language of Truth," page 196)"

Once there was a Rabbi who met a little boy at a bus stop. The Rabbi asked the boy if he liked baseball.

The boy said, "Sure."

The Rabbi asked what team he liked?

"The Yankees," said the boy.

"Does your father like the same team, asked the Rabbi

"No, he likes the Mets," said the boy.

"Do you go to the games?" asked the Rabbi.

"Yep, we went last weekend, but it wasn't going well so we left early." said the boy.

"Did the team also leave early?" asked the Rabbi.

"No, silly, they have contracts and obligations!" emphatically said the boy.

"It is the same in life – there are players and spectators – spectators leave early." Said the Rabbi.

**"The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who are in awe of Yahweh lack no good thing. (Psalm 34:10)"** Those that do not forsake to worship and stand in awe of Yahweh lack for nothing, they are whole or at peace – shalom. Swept beyond the concerns of our small human identities and accept our

position of priests, we can sense the awesome Presence of Yahweh and access a moment of true wholeness - peace.

## **The Days of Awe**

**“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. (Matthew 24:21, 22)”**

Troublesome times are here but the Days of Awe are coming. In these troublesome times, we need desperately to move beyond the "shock and awe" of the Dark Forces into the genuine recognition of that which is beyond our own fears and concerns to cultivate our inborn sense of awe, which is our only pathway to peace.

**“He who dwells in the intimate place of El Elyon (the Most High) shall abide under the shadow of El Shaddai (the Almighty). I will say of Yahweh, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my Elohim, in Him I will trust.”**

**Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.**

**Because you have made Yahweh, who is my refuge, even El Elyon, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. (Psalm 91:1-13)”**

Through the awe of true love we can trust Yahweh. **“We love Him because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)”**

**“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My YahShua (salvation).” (Psalm 91:14-16)”**

## **Opening Ourselves Up To Awe**

**“O Yahweh, our Adonai, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise, because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider 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, the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:1-4)”**

Approximately three thousand years ago, the psalmist looked at the stars and was filled with awe and wonder. Immanuel Kant shared this experience when he wrote: “Two things fill the mind with ever increasing wonder and awe - the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me.” When we look at the expanse of the heavenly panorama of stars, we are gripped with an overwhelming sense of awe as we realize the power and beauty of each tiny star that is in actually a raging sun. And in the face of this tremendous knowledge we feel insignificant, weak, and small. Not only this but the star I am seeing now is not as it is now but as it existed in the distant past and I am reminded by my own mortality.

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27)”**

I have found the secret of why people die. We are mortal. **“Yahweh "will give to each person according to what he has done. (Psalms 62:12; Proverbs 24:12)" To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. (Romans 2:6-8)”**

It is awesome that the infinite Ayn Sof (Incomprehensible One) should desire a relationship with a finite person like you or me. Last Sabbath (December 10, 2005) Yahweh prompted me at 8:15 PM (CST) to pray for our dear brother Gary. In my prayer the Holy Spirit caused me to ask our Heavenly Father to anoint him for his new phase of ministry as intercessor in the Golden Incense Altar in the Heavenly Tabernacle not made with hands. **“I saw under the altar the spirits of those who had been slain because of the word of Yahweh and the testimony (of YahShua) they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Yahweh, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the**

**earth and avenge our blood?"** ("Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)") **Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. (Revelation 6:9-11)** Later on Deacon Jan informed me that exactly at that time the Death Angel touched Gary causing him to die but the Heavenly Father reminded me he had to surrender Gary to the Holy Angels who deposited Gary's spirit into the Golden Altar awaiting the Day of Resurrection. **"All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. (Psalm 90:9-11)"**

Even in the presence of death we keep our sense of awe for our Heavenly Father. It reminds me of when the Devil tried to overstep his boundaries with Moses' body: **"In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "Yahweh rebuke you!" Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them. (Jude 1:8-10)"**

In our text, the Prophet Isaiah says, **"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw Adonai sitting on a throne."** He was spurred on to experience the awe of our Heavenly Father because his friend and sovereign, **King Uzziah died.** And Yahweh allowed us to once again experience His awesomeness the day my friend died. Baruch haShem Yahweh! Blessed is the name of Yahweh!

The next time you experience awe verbalize it: That's awesome!

Next replay the awesome experience in your mind when life takes a wrong turn. Project yourself back into the awesome experience, and suddenly the cares of life look different.

## **Capturing Our Sense of "Wow"**

We have all witnessed the power of Yahweh. I remember years ago while returning from a business trip in Houston I was traveling up Highway 6 through the dairy town of Brenham, Texas. I had the radio on and the radio announcer said that there was a Tornado outside of Brenham. It suddenly came a frog-choker of a storm. As I left Brenham I felt pressure on my ears and then something strange happened, the windows in the car I was driving tilted in and water began to rush in. Then there was a flash of lightening and I saw it. A huge tornado right in front of my. I saw a gas station so I headed for the drive through awning. I was there maybe a few seconds and the roof was torn off. I floored the pedal. I drove back the way I came. I saw the sign for Highway 290 so I turned down that road. I failed to realize that road went perpendicular to Highway 6 and the tornado was crossing them both. Another flash of lightening revealed the tornado was right there on me. I saw a bowling alley so I pulled in there. It began to hail on me. The door was locked so I pounded on the door as I looked over my shoulder and saw the huge tornado. Then they opened the door. As I gathered in the building with hundreds of people I could hear the locomotive-like sound. Someone offered me a cell phone so I dialed my precious wife and told her I was in a tornado and if I didn't come out alive I loved her. I held on to a pillar in the building and it shook. Then it was over. Whew –the power of Yahweh.

In our lifetime we have seen the awesome. As of late we saw the awesome power of Yahweh in the 2004 Tsunami. This year we saw the awesome destruction of hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Yet too often we leave the awesome and slip back into the mundane.

Awe helps release you from the limits of this world. In awe you are suddenly in a world of different dimensions: transported into the infiniteness of what's bigger than you. This causes us to expand our perspective. Awe blasts us beyond ourselves. Its impossible to be petty when you're in awe.

## **Don't Miss the Awe-full**

The awesome is always sensational but not always loud. I'll never forget the first time I saw snow. I had lived my whole life up until 16 without seeing snow. I saw it on television, I heard people talking about the times it used to snow in my hometown but I had never experienced snow. Then it happened while I slept, I awoke to awe. My room was bright even though the curtains were pulled. As I opened the curtains I look out the window to see the glistening, fresh, white snow blanketing everything and as I looked up I saw the thin icicles dangling from the roof. It was literally a moment frozen in time. Now, every time the conditions feel like it did then I wonder will I experience that awesomeness again.

Another quiet awesome experience I had was the recent birth of my granddaughter, Neely Rae. As I entered my daughter-in-law's room I saw her. She was so small. As they placed her in my arms I felt her heartbeat. Then I realized she was finally here and my life would never be the same. Neely Rae will cause me to feel things that only she can bring. And though my son and daughter-in-law had something to do with it, Yahweh brought her to me. How awe-some!

When we remember these awesome experiences, we arise and are transported out of the mundane existence of ourselves. In fact, Yahweh gives us constant access to this kind of quiet awesomeness: a sunset, mountain spring, real music, the innocence of a baby laughing, the complexities of a heartbeat.

By far the most awesome thing we do on a regular basis is true worship. **"...we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. Yahweh is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. (John 4:22-24)"** I am awestruck, like the psalmist, when I wonder why Yahweh wants us. **"what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:4)"** You cannot be bored when you are in awe. So, why when we walk into this House of Worship don't we feel this awe constantly? It maybe that you really do not believe Yahweh is in this place. Or because yesterday's awesomeness is today's boredom, you're getting use to the Heavenly. Have you ever saw a child as he sees the wonders around him, everything is awesome and fascinating. However, it doesn't take long for the same child to get used to what he has constant access to.

**"Then Rebbe YahShua said to his talmidim, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his stake (stauros - an upright "stake", especially a pointed one, used as such in fences or palisades) {stow-ros'} and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)"**

F. F. Bruce says, "At that time these words of [YahShua] might have been rendered thus: 'If anyone wishes to come after me, let him be prepared to be led out to public execution, following my example.'"

**"...As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered (Psalm 44:22).' (Romans 8:36)"**

This is the awe of worship the attitude of sacrifice. **"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (Matthew 10:39)"**

**"By faith Abraham hath offered up Isaac, being tried, and the only begotten he did offer up who did receive the promises, of whom it was said -- `In Isaac shall a seed be called to thee (Hebrews 11:17,18)"**

Did Abraham fail in the sacrifice of Isaac? When he was commanded to do this awful thing why didn't he argue back in the name of morality and humanity, just as he argued tenaciously to save the people of Sodom? If he did err, why did the angel of Yahweh praise him, saying, **"For now I know that you fear Elohim (yerei shamayim), since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me"(Genesis 22:12)?**

The sacrifice of Isaac is the supreme meritorious act which has stood to the credit of the Israel throughout the generations. How could Abraham do this? He did it by focusing in on the promise of Yahweh. **"...conidering that Yahweh was able to raise [Isaac] up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a perfect type. (Hebrews 11:19)"**

The word translated as **"perfect type"** is the Greek word "parabolia." "Para" means along side, "bola" means to cast. So "parabolia" means "to cast along side of the original." From which we get our English word "parable" which is a story that figuratively explains a true original thought.

Hebrews 11:19 demands the parabolia, of the sacrifice of Isaac. For if there is to be a crucifixion to fulfill the promise to Abraham there had to be the faithfulness of Abraham. Yahweh needed a father and a son to seal the destiny of Israel, and the circumstances had to be the same as what He would experience. Abraham believed this and it was **"credited it to him as righteousness." "The Secret of Yahweh is with them that fear (in awe of) Him; and He will show them His Covenant" (Psalm 25:14).**

All we have to do to regain our sense of awe in worship is focus. There is nothing mundane about our Heavenly Father wanting to spend time with us. We just have to pay attention. The divine struggle of relationship is to be sensitive and aware. If you pay attention and realize about everything that is going on in the Heavenlies while you worship you cannot be petty or bored.

## **The Awesomeness of Me**

Now I'm not talking about getting a mirror and peering inside only to say, "Man, ain't I awesome!" Rather, I want you to realize what the psalmist realized: **"O Yahweh, our Adonai, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider 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, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than Elohim Himself and crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8:1-5)"**

Rather, I want you to view yourself and others the way you would a volcano. We all have a wonderment of potential yet unharnessed we are dangerous. Don't underestimate yourself. Stop looking at what you are. Look at what you can be in Yahweh.

**"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even Yahweh, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. (Romans 4:17)"**

**"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Messiah. (Romans 10:17)"**

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of Yahweh, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (Hebrews 11:1-3)"**

Treat everyone with respect and awe, especially yourself.

## **The Source of Awe**

**"And Elohim said unto Moses, Eyeh Ashur Eyeh (I AM THAT I AM or the Cause of all causes and Root of all roots) : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh your Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. (Exodus 3:14, 15)"**

If you want to recapture your sense of awe go to the cause or source. The real reason that the hurricane, tornado, snow and music are so awesome is because they reflect the eternal, powerful force that is Yahweh. If creation is so incredibly awesome it is because the Creator is infinitely awe-full!

**"Golden brightness and splendor come out of the north; terrible splendor and majesty Elohim has upon Himself! (Job 37:22)"**

In fact, if you are not aware of Yahweh in everything you are not living in complete reality. Here's a reality check, cells don't divide on their own, your heart does not beat by itself, and there is nothing in life that is mundane, dull or routine.

By realizing Who Yahweh is in our lives we open up ourselves to new possibilities and dimensions. Yahweh is a deeply personal Elohim. He is aware of us. He wants to bring us into His presence. He is paying attention. Yahweh is communicating to us through His Word and His design. He is here and available. The Creator of the entire Universe is in love with you?

Back in 1997 Jodie Foster starred in the movie "Contact." The premise of the movie was that mankind had received a direct communication from outer space. How awesome! Whether we realize it or not we have already been contacted. Torah is Yahweh's personal love letter to mankind. Awe is the awareness of how small we are -- and how overwhelming infinitely big Yahweh is.

**"Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in Yahweh and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in Yahweh and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to Yahweh; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before Yahweh and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in Yahweh will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. (Psalm 37:1-11)** In reality it's impossible to worry about anything when you're standing in awe at the divine presence of Yahweh.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares Yahweh, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)"** Take sometime to have an awe-full day. 