

Sermon Review | Sunday, May 10

Press On: Awe-inspired Obedience | Philippians 2:12-18

Use this review as a means for digging deeper into these verses and growing in your understanding of God's Word this week. Here's a few tips:

- Grab your Study Bible and a pen.
- Print this page out, or write your answers in your own journal.
- Take your time to answer these questions thoughtfully.
- Share your answers with your spouse, family, or a friend.

Begin by reading **Philippians 2:12-18**.

The main point of this passage is that *awe of Christ produces faithful obedience*.

What are some tangible things in this world that are awe-inspiring to you?

In **verse 12**, the word **"Therefore"** tells us that what Paul is about to say is based on what he just said. And that helps us understand the answer to the question, "How is an awe of Christ cultivated in us?" The answer is, "by gazing at who he is and what he's done."

How do you gaze at Christ and the gospel? What does that practically look like for you right now at this point in your life?

What adjustments could you make to gaze more often, or more deeply? (Think in terms of time management, Bible study aides, etc.)

Verses 12-18 tell us that our response to being in awe of Christ should be to **"work out your own salvation with fear and trembling..."** This entails having the *right action* and the *right attitude*.

The right action is obedience to God's Word. *What areas of your life are you being obedient? Where are you being disobedient?*

The right attitude is one of "fear and trembling" (i.e., reverent awe and amazement). *Do you fear God in this sense of the word? What could you do to be more amazed by him on a daily basis?*

Verse 15 tells us that we should **"shine as lights in the world."** As we live in awe of Christ, we will have obedient action and pure motivations, which will be proof to an unbelieving world that the gospel changes lives.

Are your actions portraying the light of Christ to others? (Think about each of your realms of influence -- family, work, church, community, etc.)

Dwell on the gospel this week. Think about how amazing it is that Jesus, Creator of all things, gave up his heavenly home to become one of us, dying for us. **Pray** and ask God to help you to truly stand in awe of him by understanding the gospel more deeply. Thank him for his sacrifice every day this week.

For further study: read Romans 6:1-14