

# Be in Awe of Almighty God

Genesis 46-47

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**Psalm 33:8** | Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

## I. God rescues the perishing.

1. God sent Joseph to Egypt to rescue his people from death (Gen 41-47)
2. God sent Jesus to save people from sin and death (John 3:17-18; 1 John 4:14)

**1 John 4:14** | And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

## II. God will never forsake his own.

1. God promised he would go down with Jacob to Egypt (Gen 46:1-7)
2. Christ promises his church that he is with us always, to the end of the age (Matt. 28:19-20; Heb. 13:5; 2 Tim. 4:16-17)

**Hebrews 13:5** | Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

## III. God makes something out of nothing.

1. God is building Israel into great nation to bless the nations (46:8-27; Exodus 1:5-7)

**Exodus 1:5-7** | 5 All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the people

of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

## **2. God through Christ is building his church to proclaim the gospel to the nations (Luke 13:18-21; Matt. 24:14; Gal. 3:8).**

**Galatians 3:8** | And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

## **IV. God reconciles rebels to himself.**

- 1. Joseph reunites his family to become a great nation (Gen. 46:28-30)**
- 2. Jesus reconciles Jews and Gentiles to God in one body, the church (Eph. 2:11-16)**

## **V. God makes a way into his presence.**

- 1. Joseph operates as a mediator between his family and Pharaoh (46:31-47:10)**
- 2. Jesus is the mediator between God and man (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 4:14-16)**

**1 John 2:1-2** | 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Hebrews 4:14-16** | 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **VI. God makes a way into his presence.**

- 1. God blessed Jacob and his family in Egypt through Joseph (47:5-6, 11-12, 27)**
- 2. God blesses us with abundant life through Jesus (John 10:10; Eph. 1:3)**

**Ephesians 1:3** | Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

## **VII. God provides our greatest need, eternal life.**

- 1. Joseph provided bread so the people would live and not die (47:13-25)**
- 2. Jesus gave himself as the bread of life so that we would have spiritual life (John 6:27-29, 35, 47-51)**

**John 6:47-51** | 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

## **Benediction**

**Jude 24-25** | 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.