

## Hindrances to Experiencing the Awe of God

Last week we considered **STANDING IN AWE OF GOD**.

This morning we will look at three things we generally feel will help us stand in awe of God,  
but in fact, hinder us instead.

### I. BUSYNESS HINDERS US FROM STANDING IN AWE OF GOD.

#### **Luke 10:38-42**

We see Mary several different times in the N.T. and we learn of the

- a. Awe she had for the Lord that others did not.
- b. Joy she experienced that others missed because of it.

Mary did not let herself be distracted by all that was going on around her.

She chose to focus on the more important matter of:

- a. Sitting at the feet of Jesus and
- b. Hearing His Word so that she could **STAND IN AWE OF GOD**.

She chose to let the things that “**needed**” to be done take a back seat.

Yes, there are things that need to be accomplished.

The reality is that our principal job is to:

- a. Trust and follow the Lord,
- b. to seek His kingdom,

#### **Matthew 6:33**

He will accomplish through you the things that really need to be done.

### II. CIRCUMSTANCES HINDER US FROM STANDING IN AWE OF GOD.

The next time we see Mary, is when Jesus raises her brother Lazarus from the dead.

#### **John 11:28-29, 32-45**

Mary was mourning the loss of her brother but in spite of this terrible circumstance, she knew

Where comfort could be received  
Where peace could be found

Where Awe could be experienced Right at the feet of Jesus, the Christ, God in the flesh.

In the midst of her grief, she ran to the feet of Jesus, ready to experience the Awe of God.

The Lord will guide us through any circumstance as we turn to Him.

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

We will never experience the awe of God when our focus is on our circumstances.

### III. FEAR HINDERS US FROM STANDING IN AWE OF GOD.

#### **John 12:1-8**

Where do we find Mary? There she is again at the feet of Jesus.

From the parallel account in Mark, we know that it wasn't just Judas who was feeling this way.

#### **Mark 14:4-5**

Mary didn't let fear hinder her from doing what God had wanted her to do.

Fear of what other people were thinking of her.

Fear of the circumstances that were approaching, the death of her Savior.

Fear has a way of freezing us, making us stop in our tracks.

We have to take our eyes off of what we are afraid of and come to the feet of the Lord.

Unless we do, we will not be able to Stand in Awe of God.

#### Conclusion:

It is at the feet of Jesus we will find the ability to again Stand in Awe of God.

It is at the feet of Jesus we will find the ability to experience the Awe of God.