

BROWN Table: Fear of the Lord (Wonder & Awe) –

Proverbs 19:21-23; Exodus 14:21-22, 26-31; Mark 4:35-41

Read Proverbs 19:21-23. In your own words, what is promised to the one who fears the Lord?

There is an old Yiddish proverb that translates to “we make our plans and God laughs”. Do you prefer to think of God’s response to our small, human plans as laughter, or as an enduring decision (19:21)? What appeals to you about the image you like better?

Read the “Searching for God” article on page 792 of your Bible. When have you felt truly awed by the power of God?

Now read Exodus 14:21-22. How might the Israelites have felt as they began to walk through the passage the Lord had made through the waves?

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Skip ahead a few verses to read Exodus 14:26-31. What has God done to the Egyptian army?

What might have happened to the Israelites if God had not saved them from the Egyptians in this way?

Now read Mark 4:35-41 (*in verses 35-36, he/him refers to Jesus, and they/them are the twelve apostles*). Why do you think the apostles woke up Jesus during the storm?

How would you answer the question that the apostles leave unanswered in verse 41?