



# Our God is an Awesome God

**Psalm 111:10**

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*ray-SHEETH khok-MAH yee-RAH yah-veh*

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# Godly Wisdom (James 3:13-18)

**If you are wise** and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honourable life, doing good works with **the humility that comes from wisdom...**

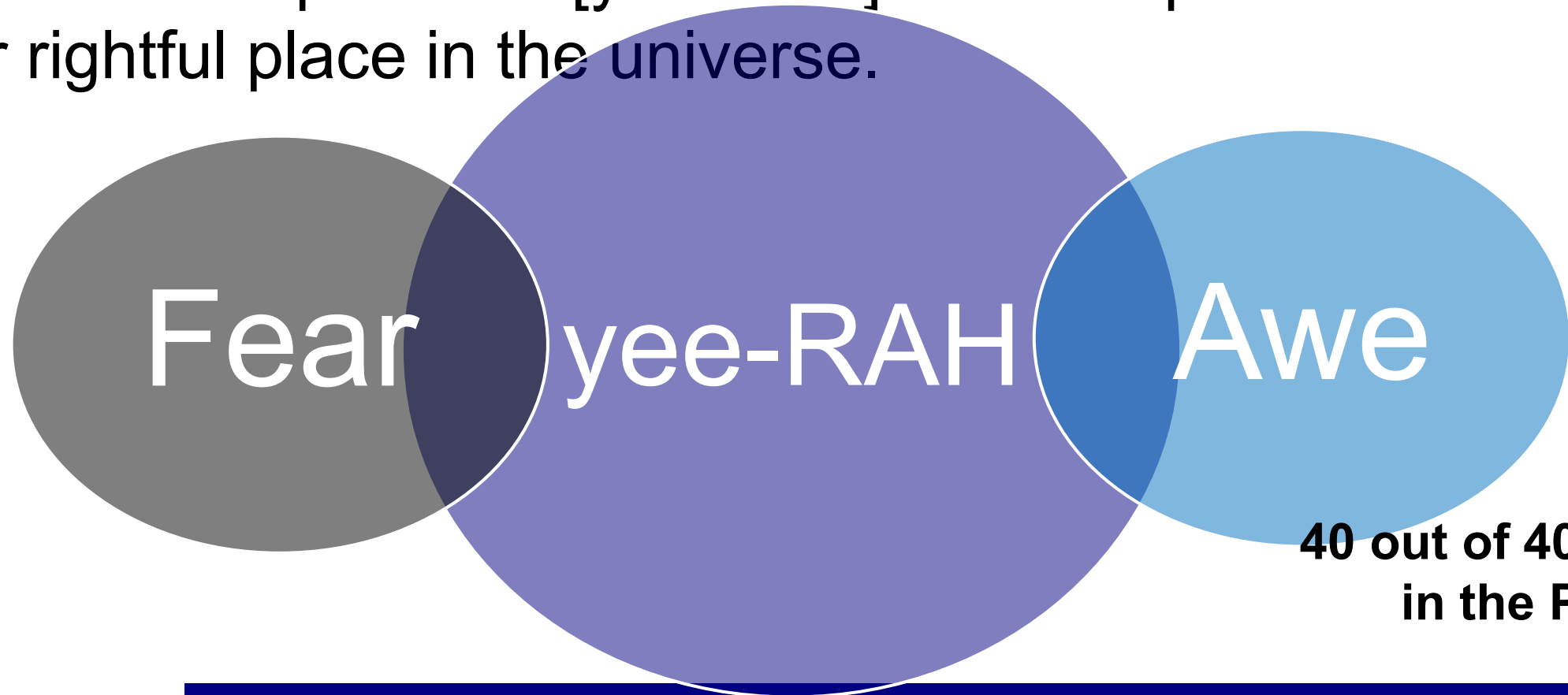
**The wisdom from above** is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and **willing to yield to others**. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favouritisms and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

➤ The foundation of wisdom as a godly way of life is...



# The [yee-RAH] of the Lord

Those who experience [yee-RAH] in God's presence know their rightful place in the universe.



**40 out of 40 times  
in the Psalms**

➤ A suitable English word to translate [yee-RAH] is **AWE**.



# [yee-RAH] as AWE

**Awe** inspires a desire in us to let the Reality shine in all its fullness. To acknowledge its brilliance. To stand quietly before it and allow it to flood deep into our souls. (Brené Brown)

- **AWE**. Being overwhelmed by the vastness of the incomprehensible
- **AWE**. Being in the presence of something that transcends our current understanding of the world. (Keltner, 2023)
- **AWE**. Evokes a sense of humility and connectedness with others.



**Psalms 19:1-4**

**Psalms 98:4,7-8**





**John 1:1-18**



**Philippians 2:6-11**





# God is love.

## 1 John 4:8-19

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.





# Our response to an Awesome God

**Genuine Experience of God leads to Genuine Humility.**

“God resists the proud but gives grace to [shares his life with] the humble.” Prov 3:34 AND James 4:6 AND 1 Pet 5:5

**Boldly come before the throne of grace.** Hebrews 4:16

- Not “I am a worm”, rather God is awesome!
- Not self-worth, but God-valued. The awesome God loves me!

**We are connected to one another, loved by the same God.**

# PERMA and Science of Wellbeing

**P**ositive Emotions

Exploring the Psalms for  
**P**OSITIVE EMOTIONS

**E**ngaged

1. Awe (Humility)

**R**elationships

2. Contentment

**M**ission & Purpose

3. Gratitude

**A**ccomplishment

4. Praise

5. Courage

6. Joy





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**Psalm 111:10.** Cultivating the AWE of God will lead us into a life of godliness.

- (1) Recall those times when you have experienced awe.
- (2) Revisit those experiences. Make new experiences.
- (3) Take time to be fully present.
- (4) Don't try to grasp awe; allowing awe to take hold of you.

AWE is a (mystical) experience that makes us feel small  
and connected **at the same time.**