

Joshua 2:9-10 (NLT2)

“I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed.”

Could it be that people (non-believers) do not fear the Lord our God, or even us as believers because we don't tell them of the Awesome things that the Lord does or has done? We spend so much time preaching that they are sinners, and that's all they know about our God, and they feel like God hates them because all they hear is, *“You are going to hell. You are a sinner. You are living a bad life.”* I mean, if that was all you heard when you were in church each Sunday, or every time you talked to a Christian brother or sister, would you really want to continue to be a Christian?

Oh that the world would fear and tremble at the name of the Lord our God, just like the people of Jerich did in today's verses! Their fear was not because they were sinners, because everyone knows that they are sinners. No, their fear was in God, and they heard about how He defended His children, Israel, defeating the surrounding nations.

In today's verses, we read of Rahab telling the spies, ***“For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt.”*** also that ***“We are all afraid of you.”*** When was the last time you heard a non-believer say that ***“For we have heard how the LORD”*** speaking of our God and what He has done for us? Also has anyone ever told you that because you are a Christian, ***“We are all afraid of you.”*** And it's not that they are afraid of us, but of our God who is with us, because they know and have heard that the Lord is with us.

Come on, either He is with us, or He is not. If He is with us, then why are we not telling others that He is instead of hiding in the corners of our churches, trembling in fear because the world has gotten so corrupt. If God is with us, then why do we fear, and why is the world not fearing our God?

It may be because we have gotten into the poor, me, me, me's, that we ourselves have forget how Awesome our God is. Sure, we sing songs about His Awesomeness, yet do we believe it? If we did, then when we sing the songs, shouldn't the earth, or the building we are in be shaking as we sing out loud and strong about our Awesome God!

† **1 Kings 1:40 (NLT2)** ***And all the people followed Solomon into Jerusalem, playing flutes and shouting for joy. The celebration was so joyous and noisy that the earth shook with the sound.***

Yet the world does not know He is Awesome, because we have forgotten how Awesome He is ourselves. So when we sing the songs or even mention God, we are very passive about it, almost to the point that we fear the people and think that they won't like us or our God if we talk about His Awesomeness, and how He judges and hates sin and He is coming to judge the earth. What if we started to proclaim how God protects us, and telling the world what He does for us, so much that they will fear our God just as Jericho did.

† **Psalm 96:3-10 (NLT2)** *Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and beauty fill his sanctuary. O nations of the world, recognize the LORD; recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong. Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him. Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!" The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. He will judge all peoples fairly.*

And we can tell people that, but unless we know and live and believe in an Awesome God, they will take it lightly, and they won't realize what He is about to do on this earth as He is about to judge the earth. And He will do it, whether we, or the world knows how Awesome He is or not.

† **Psalm 75:9 (NLT2)** *But as for me, I will always proclaim what God has done; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.*

† **Deuteronomy 32:1-4** *Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass. For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.*

† **Psalm 66:3** *Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.*

† **Psalm 68:35** *O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!*