

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### Summer in the Psalms: Awe

#### Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Hear me, Lord, my plea is just;  
listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer—

it does not rise from deceitful lips.

<sup>2</sup>Let my vindication come from you;  
may your eyes see what is right.

<sup>3</sup>Though you probe my heart,  
though you examine me at night and test me,  
you will find that I have planned no evil;  
my mouth has not transgressed.

<sup>4</sup>Though people tried to bribe me,  
I have kept myself from the ways of the violent  
through what your lips have commanded.

<sup>5</sup>My steps have held to your paths;  
my feet have not stumbled.

<sup>6</sup>I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

<sup>7</sup>Show me the wonders of your great love,  
you who save by your right hand  
those who take refuge in you from their foes.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face;  
when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

#### NOTES:

#### The awe of intimacy with God in the face of evil.

##### 1. To be seen and heard by God.

*Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me.*

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings  
from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who  
surround me. *Psalms 17:8-9 (NIV)*

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious  
thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way  
everlasting. *Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)*

▪ transparency ▪ deep connection

##### 2. To see and hear God.

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me*

*Show me the wonders of your great love*

*I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.*

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of  
your presence, Lord. *Psalms 89:15 (NIV)*

▪ longing ▪ leadership

I want God to appear in an embodied way in my life now (not just two  
thousand or so years ago) and give me a genuine experience that will  
persuade me to want him more than anything else. I want him to draw me  
to himself in some imagined loving, irresistible way such that I won't simply  
want to want him but will actually want relationship with him more than  
anything else. Curt Thompson, MD, *The Soul of Desire: Discovering the  
Neuroscience of Longing, Beauty and Community*

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