



Part 2: Law & Awe

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:1–20; Proverbs 30:8–9

*"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God,
to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits,
and humbly to implore His protection and favor."*

–George Washington

Talk It Over

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. Are you the type of person that would drive through a red light in the middle of the night if there were no other cars around? Why or why not? On the flip side, how do we know the right thing to do when there is no law?
3. Israel, in the Old Testament, was a nation with numerous laws, yet had a national conscience shaped by their relationship with God. Does a nation need a relationship with God or can it succeed with simply a good set of laws?
4. Our founders believed that reverence for God and liberty went hand in hand. Do you agree? How are accountability to God and protection of individual freedoms related?
5. Prosperity is not conducive to humility and gratitude. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
6. Read Proverbs 30:8–9. Why do people neglect God during times of affluence?
7. Read Deuteronomy 8:6–14 & 17–18. Why did Moses feel the need to remind the people not to forget God? What is the danger of thinking our success/wealth is simply the result of our own hard work and ingenuity?
8. Deuteronomy 8:19–20 records the consequences if Israel chose to disobey God. Does this Old Testament passage have any contemporary significance? Why or why not?