

Awe In His Presence

Matthew 1:18-25
(Pew Bible p. 959)

Significantly, the first Book of the New Testament is 'bookended' with a focus on the ***presence of Jesus***, Matthew 1:23 & 28:20.

An awe-saturated conception, 1:18

An awe-inspiring announcement, 1:19-20

An awe-driven purpose, 1:21

An awe-cultivating program, 1:22-23

An awe-motivating obedience, 1:24-25

The Gift Who keeps on giving: Jesus' actual Presence.

Learn to sincerely & repeatedly say, "For *this* I have Jesus."

If I find in myself a longing for a relationship which no human in this world can fully satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for Another.

Adapted from C. S. Lewis

Next week – Pastor Jim preaching, Luke 2:1-7