

# The One Who Trembles at God's Word (7/30/23)

**Main Verses:** Isaiah 66:1-2

**Key Verse:** Isaiah 66:2

**'Takeaway':** God wants us to understand his word. But more than that, he wants us to trust that his word is true, allowing our hearts to be gripped by its greatness.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever been so amazed by something that you actually shook (trembled)?



**READ:** Isaiah 66:1-2 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- How big is God?
- Why do you think the people want to build a house for him? Where do they think he lives?
- What does it mean to **tremble** at God's word?

Elementary:

- Where do the people think God lives? Why do they want to build a house for him in exile?
- How does God respond to this?
- What does it mean to be humble & contrite in spirit?
- What does it mean to **tremble** at God's Word?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- The people think that God lives in the temple they built, even though he has told (& showed) them repeatedly throughout the OT that he cannot be walled in—He is too big & too great.
- God reminds them (again) how big he is.
- God made everything. This should make us always respond to him with humility, aware of how small we are in comparison, & aware of how much we need him every moment of every day.
- To tremble at his word means we have & show deep respect (reverence) for his word & are eager to obey it.
- How wonderful that through faith in Jesus we can receive this kind of heart!

Elementary:

- The people think that God lives in the temple they built, even though he has told (& showed) them repeatedly throughout the OT that he cannot be walled in—He is too big & too great.
- God reminds them that he is greater than the temple—an institution he authorized.
- God made everything. This should make us always respond to him with humility, aware of how small we are in comparison, & aware of how much we need him every moment of every day.
- To tremble at his word means we have & show deep respect (reverence) for his word & are eager to obey it.
- How wonderful that through faith in Jesus we can receive this kind of heart!

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, & thank him for being so great & so big. Thank him that even though he is so big & great, he cares for each one of us & wants us to know him. Ask God to help you to be amazed by what he's revealed; to respect his word & to obey it. Thank God that through faith in Jesus, he will give us a new heart that wants to love and obey him.

(Elementary) Talk to God, & praise him for his greatness. Ask God to help you be amazed by what he's revealed; to respect his word & to obey it. Thank God for caring for each one of us & for wanting to give us new hearts to know him through faith in Jesus. Do you need a new heart, one that wants to please God more than anything, but are not sure where to start? **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.