

THE FEARFUL PRESENCE OF THE LORD—PSALM 114  
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In Psalm 114 the author calls upon God's people to stand in utter awe at God's mighty power and control; not by calling his people themselves to amazement, but by calling upon the earth to tremble at his presence. True praise to God from his people happens when we acknowledge who he is and respond with a "glad fear" that is appropriate for the God of glory who loves us.

When **Israel** went out from **Egypt**,  
the **house of Jacob** from a **people of strange language**,  
<sup>2</sup>**Judah** became his **sanctuary**,  
**Israel** his **dominion**.  
<sup>3</sup>The **sea** looked and **fled**;  
**Jordan** turned **back**.  
<sup>4</sup>The **mountains** skipped like **rams**,  
the **hills** like **lambs**.  
<sup>5</sup>What ails you, O **sea**, that you **flee**?  
O **Jordan**, that you **turn back**?  
<sup>6</sup>O **mountains**, that you skip like **rams**?  
O **hills**, like **lambs**?  
<sup>7</sup>**TREMBLE, O EARTH**, at the **presence of the Lord**,  
at the **presence of the God of Jacob**,  
<sup>8</sup>who turns the **rock** into a **pool of water**,  
the **flint** into a **spring of water**.