

Reverencing God

Lesson 3

Reverencing God In Our Worship

We Must Train Ourselves To Reverence God

1. Recognize awesome nature of God
2. Exercise in the word to become reverent
3. Practice denying self and obeying God

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What Is Reverence?

- Reverence is not defined by externals
- Reverence is a response to God's greatness, His power, His holiness and His mercy – to all He is
- Reverence is a deliberate caution in how we approach God, an attitude of modesty, bashfulness toward God
- Reverence is also a fearful attitude toward God based on godliness, our desire to obey God in all things

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Need For This Lesson

- We can become casual in attitude and dress so our worship becomes irreverent
- We can misplace our priorities so worship is made unimportant compared to our worldly affairs
- We can believe we have revered God by simply being present, treating worship as a passive social event rather than an active individual reverent obligation

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Need For This Lesson

- We can believe because we have performed external acts of worship we have revered God
- We can intellectualize our worship so that it becomes just an academic exercise void of reverence
- We can be deceived into thinking we are reverencing God by catering to our emotions and senses

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Introduction

- If our worship is acceptable, it must be with reverence to God
- Regardless of our physical meeting place and problems we may be having in this life, reverence to God in worship is demanded of us

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Importance of Reverence In Worship

- We are commanded to reverence God in our service, our worship to Him
- An attitude of caution, dread, fear and seeking to please Him above all should be the attitude behind our worship
- If we do not reverence God in our worship, we will not reverence Him anywhere
- Warning – do not make God small

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Importance of Reverence In Worship

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.
Php 3:3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

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Importance of Reverence In Worship

Joh 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Importance of Reverence In Worship

Rev 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

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Importance of Reverence In Worship

Rev 5:13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

Rev 5:14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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How Reverence Is Displayed In Worship

- Our entire conduct should be characterized by reverence for God, fearing Him and honoring Him according to His word
- If worship is the most important thing we do each week, it will be reflected in our dress and our behavior
- Each specific act in our worship will be done with reverence not casualness or boastfulness

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Overall Display of Reverence In Worship

1Co 14:26 What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1Co 14:40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

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Overall Display of Reverence In Worship

Psa 2:11 Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.

1Pe 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

1Pe 1:9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

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Reverence In Preaching And Hearing The Word of God

2Ti 4:1 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

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Reverence In Preaching And Hearing The Word of God

Act 10:33 "So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

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Reverence In Preaching And Hearing The Word of God

1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

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Reverence In Partaking of The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,
1Co 11:21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

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Reverence In Partaking of The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

1Co 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

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Reverence In Partaking of The Lord's Supper

1Co 11:25 In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Reverence In Singing

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

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Reverence In Singing

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Eph 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

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Reverence In Giving

2Co 8:3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord,

2Co 8:4 begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

2Co 8:5 and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

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Reverence In Giving

2Co 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

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Reverence In Praying

Mat 6:9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Mat 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Heb 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

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Teaching Children About Reverence In Worship

- Teach our children in the way of the Lord including reverencing Him in worship
- Not a play time or entertainment time
- Teach them to sit quietly, sing, take notes during lesson and be respectful and active in Bible classes
- Teach them to sacrifice their schedule to worship because it is first priority for us

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Teaching Children About Reverence In Worship

Gen 18:19 "For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

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1. Importance of reverence in worship
2. How reverence is displayed in worship
3. Teaching children about reverence in worship

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