

# Reverencing God

## Lesson 2

### Beware of Substituting Symbols For Substance

# Introduction

- Reverence for God taken for granted
- Result - fail to learn and apply reverence
- Faith, love and reverence all essential
- Without reverencing God, we cannot be saved!

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# Reverence Needed To Please God

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.

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# Reverence – A Response To The Greatness of God

The greatness of God's

Power

Holiness

Mercy

What is reverence?

How do we reverently respond to God's

Power

Holiness

Mercy

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# Introduction

- Do not limit reverence to externals!
- Can obey externals and live irreverently
- Reverence becomes about us not God!

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# Introduction

- To reverence God acceptably, our minds must be actively engaged focusing on His greatness and our need to give Him the reverence due Him according to His Word
- Reverence is a deliberate caution in how we approach God that results in a fearful attitude based on godliness, our desire to please God in all things as He directs
- Reverence must characterize our daily lives

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## Our Only Purpose For Being On Earth

Ecc 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to* every person.

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## All Irreverence Begins With A False View of God

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

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## Self-reliance For Dependence On The All-powerful God

- Humanists and so-called Christians preach believing in ourselves and our power to accomplish anything we put our mind to
- They preach that God wants us to have all our material desires met in this life, health, wealth and salvation gospel
- They trust in their own power and make God fit their desires to justify their behavior

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## Self-reliance For Dependence On The All-powerful God

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,  
2Ti 3:3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

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## Self-reliance For Dependence On The All-powerful God

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,  
2Ti 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

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## Self-reliance For Dependence On The All-powerful God

- As we learn to be in awe of the all-powerful God, we reverence Him by trusting in and submitting to His will knowing it is His power in us that is greater than any power of our own
- Our goal to praise His name and obey with fear and trembling

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## Self-reliance For Dependence On The All-powerful God

Exo 3:5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Exo 3:6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

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Exo 3:10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Exo 3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

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Exo 3:12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

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Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Eph 3:21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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Php 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Php 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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## Outward Ritualistic Worship For Reverent Worship of God

- Robotically going through motions of worship as if they are commands of men not God
- Believing God will accept externals while we irreverently live as we please
- Instead our worship must focus on God's greatness and humbly bowing our hearts before Him in fear and trembling and rejoicing

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## Outward Ritualistic Worship For Reverent Worship of God

Mar 7:5 The Pharisees and the scribes \*asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?"  
Mar 7:6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.'

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## Outward Ritualistic Worship For Reverent Worship of God

Mar 7:7 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'  
Mar 7:8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."

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## Outward Ritualistic Worship For Reverent Worship of God

Isa 29:13 Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned *by rote*,

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## Outward Ritualistic Worship For Reverent Worship of God

Rev 15:4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

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

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## Self-determined Righteousness For God's Righteousness

- Boil righteous living down to outward actions that please men
- Ignore reverently serving the Lord, exercising fear toward Him in all our relationships

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## Self-determined Righteousness For God's Righteousness

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

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## Self-determined Righteousness For God's Righteousness

Mat 5:22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

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## Self-determined Righteousness For God's Righteousness

Act 10:34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,

Act 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

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## Self-determined Righteousness For God's Righteousness

Col 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

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