

## Reverencing God

### Lesson 5

#### Reverence Necessary In Learning The Word of God

## Introduction

- Reverence for God taken for granted
- Result - fail to learn and apply reverence
- Reverence cannot be boiled down to performing a few externals but it is a response to the very nature of God, His power, holiness and mercy
- 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 <sup>2</sup>

## Introduction

- Reverence must characterize our daily lives
- Realize reverence for God must become a part of the deepest character of who we are not be confined to some things we do
- This type of reverence will lead us to live a godly and holy life at all times

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## Reverencing God – Perfecting Holiness In Our Daily Lives

Recognize God's holy nature

Fear God above all

Recognize our minds and bodies belong to God

Submit our thinking to God first

Desired result – a reverent holy life

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## Introduction

- Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, God breathed words
- In His Word, we are commanded to reverence Him as God
- Our reverence for God will be transferred to His Word, how we listen, study, handle and apply His Word
- God's Word is our only means to discern His great Name and Will for us

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## God-Breathed Word

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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## God-Breathed Word In Written Form

Eph 3:3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

Eph 3:4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

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## God's Word Magnified According To His Name

Psa 138:2 I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

Psa 111:9 He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.

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## God's Word Magnified According To His Name

Exo 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Act 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

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Examples of those who revered God's Word

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## King Josiah

2Ki 22:11 When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.

2Ki 22:13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

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## King Josiah

2Ki 23:2 The king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

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## King Josiah

2Ki 23:3 The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant.

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## King Josiah

2Ki 23:21 Then the king commanded all the people saying, "Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God as it is written in this book of the covenant."

2Ki 23:25 Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

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## Ezra, Nehemiah And The People

Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Neh 8:5 Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

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## Ezra, Nehemiah And The People

Neh 8:6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

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## Cornelius And His Household

Act 10:2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and prayed to God continually.

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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## Timothy

1Ti 4:7 But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

1Ti 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

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## Timothy

1Ti 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the *public reading of Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

1Ti 4:15 Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all.

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## Timothy

1Ti 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

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Danger if we do not reverence His Word

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## Irreverence Toward His Word From Irreverence Toward God

The Bible is not a

Book of suggestions

Book of fairy tales

Book of dramatic readings

Book of therapy

Book of subjective truth

Book to be used as a prop

The Bible is the absolute, perfect, unalterable Word of Almighty God

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## Irreverence Toward His Word From Irreverence Toward 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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## Irreverent Handling of His Word Results In Corrupting The Truth

2Pe 3:16 as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

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## Irreverent Handling of His Word Results In Corrupting The Truth

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2Pe 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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## Irreverent Handling of His Word Results In Corrupting The Truth

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

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## Irreverent Handling of His Word Results In Corrupting The Truth

2Ti 2:17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

2Ti 2:18 *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

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## A Final Warning

- Some insist if God would speak to me directly I would surely reverence Him and His Word
- Israel heard the voice of God and turned away from it crying for Moses to speak to them instead
- Remember the written Word of God is the Word of the God of Heaven never to be taken lightly but heard with reverence as if we were in His very presence

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## A Final Warning

Deu 5:25 'Now then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, then we will die.

Deu 5:26 'For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

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## A Final Warning

Deu 5:27 'Go near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then speak to us all that the LORD our God speaks to you, and we will hear and do *it*.'

Deu 5:28 "The LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.'

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## A Final Warning

Deu 5:29 'Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!

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## A Final Warning

Heb 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.

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## A Final Warning

Heb 12:26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

Heb 12:27 This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

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## A Final Warning

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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