

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Reverence

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Wayne and Cathy, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Carla, Weston, Bella and Berty are in Tennessee.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday December 28th at 1:00 PM at the Building

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" **Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him." **Psalms 89:7 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 71/62: Our Record: 107
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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17
 Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES
Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM
Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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It is interesting to think about how far we in the United States have drifted away from God. This is not foreign to scripture as we see from the beginning, in the garden, man doing what he thinks is right but is obviously not. This begins to take place when we forget to keep God in a proper mindset. He is holy and fully commanding of our proper worship and reverence. Reverence is word that the world doesn't seem to get. It maybe even more of a problem that some in the church don't really understand. You can hear His holy name profaned and used as no more than a word of shock. God is holy! Leviticus 19:1-2 KJV "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy." Leviticus 20:7 KJV "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God." 1 Peter 1:14-16 KJV "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." From the Old Testament to the New Testament God's Word clearly lays out the idea that He is holy and we would do well to be reminded of this very fact when we are in worship, private prayer or bible study. It doesn't matter where we are, we are to recognize our true position before God and that is one of a servant, who is blessed by Him. Reverence literally means to put to shame. This is an attitude of complete submissiveness, not of indifference which plagues so many.

Now that we have seen what it means to show reverence, the next question is what does it look like. God's word is so amazing that He has left nothing to question when it comes to His expectations. God cannot lie Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2 and He is not the author of confusion 1 Corinthians 14:33. With this in mind wouldn't it only then be right that God would give us a clear and perfect example of what reverence looks like. There is absolutely no better or more perfect example of an act of servitude or humbleness than that beautiful act of Christ. Philippians 2:5-8 KJV "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." This passage teaches us that Christ our Lord and Savior literally laid aside his privileges on our woeful behalf to save our souls. He came down from His heavenly home, had the power to destroy the world and yet endured the CROSS for you and for me. This is what reverence looks like. Too many in the church seems to be comfortable with just going along to get along. This attitude of indifference will only lead to a separation from God because it does not put Him in His rightful place, which is above all else in our lives.

By: Joe Murdock

So now we understand reverence to be a humble attitude. A mindset that puts God first and submits to His will. Since we see how Christ our redeemer displayed this throughout His life, we must ask ourselves what will we do. First we must put God first Matthew 6:33 KJV "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We are to seek His righteousness. Seeking Him is a must, it is not an option if you want to be pleasing to Him. Seek Him through His word, honestly, sincerely and in reverence. Then when He becomes first in our life, our life must change. It cannot remain stagnant for we know lukewarm individuals are spewed out of His mouth. 1 Timothy 3:15 KJV "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We did not die for the church nor purchase the church with our blood. It was the innocent, perfect and holy sacrifice of Christ that did that. So it is His word that sets the order to how things are to be. Not our opinions or inventions, but the clear and sufficient words of Christ. When we change our life and commit to keep the Word, it is obvious by how we act. Not only during worship but all the time. An individual who works part time does not receive the benefits of one who works full time. Nor does a lukewarm individual receive the benefits from God as a faithful working Christian whose life has changed. Finally walking in a newness of life Romans 6:11-13 KJV "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." When we have this attitude with reverence we are pleasing to God. Then we will not serve our selfish desires but live the way God has designed us. Please church family do a spiritual inventory of yourself and examine your life. Ask yourself am I showing reverence to God in everything I do or am I keeping my own desires first. Let's always look to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior church family.

