



My Reverence – My Life

"The heavens declare the glory of God!" (Psalms 19:1)

Reverence Is Vital In Worship

*Psalms 2:11-12 "Worship the LORD with **reverence**, and rejoice with **trembling**. Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way."* (NASV)

*Psalms 5:7, "But as for me, by Thine abundant lovingkindness I will enter Thy house, at Thy holy temple **I will bow in reverence for Thee.**"* (NASV)

*Psalms 111:9 "Holy and **reverend** is thy name"*

Jesus, taught the disciples to address God reverently, "Our Father who art in heaven, **hallowed be thy name**" (Matthew 6:9).

Commanded to FEAR God

- Angel said, "... with a great voice, **Fear God**, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters." Revelation 14:7 – "phoberós: to fear, be afraid; absolutely to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm ... **to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience**" (Thayer)

Commanded to FEAR God

- Ecclesiastes 12:13 "(This is) the end of the matter; all hath been heard: **fear God**, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole (duty) of man."

The Nature Of God – Holy

- Leviticus 11:44-45 "For I am Jehovah your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and **be ye holy; for I am holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. For I am Jehovah that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall **therefore be holy, for I am holy.**"
cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16

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- Exodus 15:11 "**Who is like unto thee, O Jehovah, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?**"
Psalms 99:9 "Exalt ye Jehovah our God, and worship at his holy hill; for Jehovah our God is holy."
- 2 Peter 1:4 Partakers of His Divine Nature.

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Recognize His Majesty

- Isaiah 6:3 **"Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."**
- Revelation 4:8 **"Holy, holy, holy, (is) the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."**

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Everything That Belongs To God Is Holy.

- **Sabbath Day.** Exodus 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it **holy**."
- **Temple.** Psalms 79:1 "O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance; Thy **holy temple** have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem in heaps."
- **Tabernacle.** Leviticus 15:31 "Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, that they die not in their uncleanness, **when they defile my tabernacle** that is in the midst of them."

The Nature Of God – Holy

Everything That Belongs To God Is Holy.

- **Nation of Israel.** Deuteronomy 7:6 "For thou art **a holy people** unto Jehovah thy God: Jehovah thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth."
- **The Church.** 1 Peter 2:5, 9

Christians Are To Be Holy 2 Timothy 2:19-22

- **Set apart.** 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- **Holy.** Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy ...**"
- **Partakers** of His divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4

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BUT I cannot be holy unless I acknowledge His majesty.

- 2 Corinthians 7:1 "Having therefore these promises (note what promises, 6:17-18), beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**"
- **If I do not fear God, I cannot "perfect holiness."**

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Romans 1:21-29 "because that, knowing God, they **glorified him not as God**, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened ... and **changed** the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things."

Changing the Glory of God

"I want people to see things on our show that makes them think differently about their lives ... To be a light for people. To make a difference ... to open their minds and see things differently...how to get in touch with the spiritual part of their life ... I was sitting in church and heard that God is a jealous God. I asked 'Why?' Come on-let's get over it! ... I believe in the FORCE – I call it God ... if you believe in a rhythm of nature and in love, then you believe in God." (READ Exodus 20:5; 34:14)

Changing the Glory of God

"Look within you and find yourself from within. Find that God-consciousness. That is God."
Oprah Winfrey

➤ Note: God calls upon us to reflect **HIS** holiness!

1 Peter 1:15-16

"but like as he who called you is holy, **BE** ye yourselves also **HOLY** in all manner of living; because it is written, **Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.**"

- 2 Timothy 3:5 "holding a **form of godliness**, but having denied the power thereof. From these also turn away. cf. Romans 2:20"

morphoōsis

- 1) a forming, shaping
- 2) the mere semblance

eusebeia

- 1) reverence, respect
- 2) piety towards God

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Means change from within! Put off/ put on.

Ephesians 4:22, 24

- Change the heart. Matthew 15:18; 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Examples:
 - **Joseph.** Genesis 39:9 "how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"
 - **Daniel.** Daniel 1:8 "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's dainties ..."

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Seek First the kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. cf. Matthew 6:33

- At Home. Ephesians 5:25, 22, 33
- At Work / School. Ephesians 6:7
- In Clothing. 1 Timothy 2:9-10
- In Speech. Matthew 6:9; 1 Peter 1:17; Ephesians 4:29
- In Recreation. (Movies, places, books, websites ...) Psalms 119:37-40

Conclusion: My Reverence – My Life

- It is more than being baptized, more than "going to church."
- We must, "**perfect holiness in the fear of God**" (2 Corinthians 7:1).
 - This is manifest in every decision I make.
- It is a challenge to be more dedicated, more devoted, willing to sacrifice for the cause of the Lord because of the reverence I have for Him.