



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Can you help me to understand more fully what it means to reverence God?

Answer: We are living in a godless age with grievous and evil deeds being done, indicating a lack of reverence for God and His word! The people of the first century had to combat the same in their day. The only re-straining influence we have for sin is an awesome respect for God which provides a reason for living right! God is to *"be held in reverence by all those around Him"* (Ps. 89:7). The writer of Hebrews (12:28) tells us our service to God must be in *"reverence and godly fear"* to be acceptable.

We ask, "Why reverence God?" We are His children by creation (Gen. 1:26; 2:7; Zech. 12:1); His offspring (Acts 17:28, 29). To ignore this beautiful relationship is irreverent! We become a part of His family by means of the *"new birth"* (Jn. 3:3-5). It is, therefore, a privilege to cry out, *"Abba Father"* (Gal. 4:6). God should be revered because He is our lawgiver, ruler, and master. When we envision ourselves as servants and children, it is easier for us to honor and reverence God. To reject the law of Christ is to reject God (Lk. 10:16; Mt. 10:40).

When we worship, the time for foolishness and levity must end! Solomon advised the worshippers of his day to *"walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear"* (Ecc. 5:1). All that we do demonstrates our level of reverence for God (Col. 3:23) and His word (Ps. 119:161). When men respect God, both He and humanity are honored!

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