

# Reverencing God's Presence

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- **Please Read: Exodus 3:1-6; John 4:1-26**
- **Please Read: Hebrews 12:14-17** *Holiness unto the Lord*
- Holiness is not something we hear a lot about but it's essential in learning to reverence God

**Romans 12:1**, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship."

- Talking about what we do in our bodies, where we go, what we see and hear
- 1 Cor. 6:20, "*you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.*"
- 1 Th. 4:3 "It is God's will that you should be sanctified, holy and separated"
- 1 Tim 5:22, "...do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure."
- We will give an account for things done while in the body

**2 Corinthians 5:10**, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

**1 Peter 1:14-16**, "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"

- 1 John 2:15- "Do not love, adore or hold onto the world system of which Satan is god."
  - o The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life
- **Please Read: 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**

**1 Peter 1:17**, "Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear."

**Hebrews 5:7-9**, "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

## **2 Timothy 2:10**

Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

- There is a price to a life of obedience- 1 Pt. 4:1, "Therefore since Christ suffered in his body"

## Titus 2:7-8

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ('Reverence' Other Versions) and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

- How we treat one another and walk in love is huge in showing reverence for God
- Ephesians 5:21, *"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."*
- **Please Read: Acts 2:42-47**
- The early church was serious about the things of God – there was and is much at stake
- The world health organization states that approx. 170,790 people die each day- 62 mil/yr
- Jesus, the head of His Church is calling each of us to step up and do our part
- Ps 127:1, *"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."*

We need to take time on our knees to pray and find out God's plan and will for our lives

- Lord help us to engage more in your eternal program than just going to church once a week
- Let's go all the way with Jesus, let's not settle for brass- lets go for the gold!

*"Yes Lord Yes, to your Will and to your way, I will listen and obey, when your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree and my answer will be yes Lord yes..."*

## Isaiah 1:19-20

*"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

## Reverence in Church Services- Grieve not the Holy Spirit

If we want to see a greater manifestation of God's presence and a deeper move of the Holy Spirit in signs and wonders we need to learn how to seek and wait on God- to be reverent and stand in awe.

**1 Cor. 10:31**, *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved."*

- We the church need to learn to reverence respect and stand in awe of God's holy presence
- Let's look at some practical ways we can accomplish this in our own church services
- 1 Tim 2:8, *"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing"*

**Ephesians 4:30**, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*

- One way to grieve the Holy Spirit is to show a lack of respect or reverence when He's moving
  - o During praise and worship, ministry of the Word, exercise of spiritual gifts, altar call
- Remember Titus 2:8 talked about seriousness or reverence for the things of God

If we are moving around, talking, clicking on our phones, being a disruption- not only are we distracted, but we are distracting others around us- we are being a hindrance & miss what's said.

When my wife and I were at Winter Bible Seminar at Rhema in 2018, some people came in late and tapped me on my shoulder while I was caught up in Worship to the Lord- it felt like cold water being thrown on me. I believe it would be a good idea to have the last two rows empty for late comers, who can then move up closer later on during the announcements.

[Fix your eyes on Jesus](#)

Let's leave our cares and worries at the door when we get to church, and focus on Jesus

**Hebrews 3:1**, "Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess."

### **Colossians 3:1-2**

Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

- Let's listen intently to and judge with the Word spiritual gifts

**1 Th. 5:19-22**, "Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil."

- A sure way to get in trouble with the Lord is to be critical, criticizing and judging

**Hebrews 13:17**, "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

- Nor should we take each other for granted and like the people did to Jesus in His hometown
- Oh we know this person, they're not perfect and make mistakes- welcome to the club
  - o Taking people for granted limits what God wants to do through them and for us
- 1 Cor 14:1, "*Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts*"- let's take the limits off
- Let's avoid saying about a message "What Faith again, oh I've already heard that- want new"
- Come to church hungry, thirsty and expectant for God to move- giving Him our best
- Instead of coming with an attitude of "Lord, Bless Me"- 1 Cor 14:29- make me a blessing