

“Reverence For God”

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 12:28-29.**

Greek word for **reverence**: signifies first “caution”; then, reverence, godly fear, **Hebrews 5:7; Hebrews 12:28.**” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary)

Hebrew Word **yare**: “To be afraid, stand in awe, fear.”This is not simple fear, but reverence, whereby an individual recognizes the power and position of the individual revered and renders proper respect.

- Isaiah felt this reverence and awe in **Isaiah 6:1-5.**
- We also need to learn this reverence and awe for God!

I. Reverence For God’s Name.

A. Under the Law of Moses: Exodus 20:7.

1. To use God’s name in an empty or in a worthless manner is sin!
2. God is truly deserving of our reverence toward His name!

B. Psalm 111:1-10. (Especially **verse 9!**)

- Not for any man or woman to wear as a title!

C. Psalm 34:3.

D. We live in a culture that doesn’t regard God’s name with reverence.

- God’s name is often used in anger or as a curse on someone.
- Even as the abbreviated form: **OMG!**
- Some were not trembling at any dignitaries: **2 Peter 2:10; Jude 8.**

E. Malachi 2:4-5.

II. Reverence For God’s Word.

A. The Law of Moses from Mount Sinai: Exodus 19:16-25.

B. David had a true reverence for God’s word: Psalm 119:33-40.

C. If God is to be revered, then equally His words! Isaiah 66:1-2.

III. Reverence For God’s Worship.

A. Many Psalms teach the reverence needed for worship: Psalm 33:8; Psalm 66:1-4; 96:8-9.

B. May we have this reverence when we worship today:

- Do we Sing praise in reverence to God? **Hebrews 13:15.**
- Do we revere God’s word above men’s words? **1 Thess. 2:13.**
- Do we reverence the Lord’s Supper? **1 Corinthians 11:20-27.**
- Do we give with reverence to God? **2 Corinthians 9:7.**
- Do we pray with reverence? **Luke 11:1-2.**