

CONCLUSION: TEN COMMANDMENTS

LESSONS 13

REVERENCE TOWARD GOD

READ: Psalms 95:1-7

1 INTRODUCTION:

READ: Psa.33:6-9

1. Reverence: deep respect, esteem, regard, honor, adoration, devotion, worship, awe, fear, devoutness and piety.
2. Just suppose you were invited into the presence of one who had the following characteristics:
 - a. PERFECT LOVE - ALL POWER - ALL WISDOM - ABLE TO SEE ALL - PRESENT EVERYWHERE - COMPLETELY PURE - ALWAYS RIGHT.
3. Just suppose that we were ushered into the presence of one having all these attributes for the purpose of showing him honor.
 - a. How would we act?
 - b. God is just such a being and we are continually in His presence, Heb.4:13, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do"D. Perhaps the right and proper feeling or attitude toward God would be easier to have if we had been present while Bible history was being made.
 - c. At the creation.
 - d. During the great flood.
 - e. At the crossing of the Red Sea.
 - f. At the receiving of the Ten Commandments.
 - g. At the destruction of the rebels, Numbers 16.
 - h. When God killed Nadab and Abichu, Lev.10.
 - i. At the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.
4. This feeling grows as our knowledge and understanding of God grows.
 - a. John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent".
 - b. Psa. 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work".
5. The feeling or attitude of which we have been speaking is reverence, awe, deep respect.
 - a. God is the audience.

2 DISCUSSION:

THE REVERENT MIND FEELS UNWORTHY BEFORE GOD:

1. "God be merciful unto me". READ: Luke 18:10-14.
2. The centurion: Matt.8:5-8, "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus said unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."
3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit", Matt.5:3.

THE RECOGNITION OF GOD AS PICTURED IN THE BIBLE WILL MAKE US DESIRE TO HONOR AND OBEY HIM EVERY HOUR OF FOUR LIVES.

1. A person worth his salt will guard his conduct extremely carefully in the presence of children or ladies.
2. But, what about in the presence of God?
 - a. Acts 17:27, "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us."
 - b. In Psalms 139:7-12 READ: Teaches that He is always present.

REVERENCE FOR GOD IS SHOWN IN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BIBLE, TOWARD, JESUS, TOWARD THE CHURCH AND THE AVENUES OF WORSHIP.

1. Psa. 89:7, "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."
 - a. 1 Cor.14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."
 - b. Hebrews 12:28-29, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."
2. B. Some hindrances to reverence in worship:
 - a. Pride, haughtiness, self - righteousness, and boasting, READ: Luke 18:9-12.
 - b. Insincerity, Matthew 15:8-9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me, But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."
 - c. Hatred, bitterness, and unforgiving spirit. Matt.5:23-24, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

3 CONCLUSION:

1. Beloved, consider the presence of the Lord in the bush. READ: Exodus 3:1-6.
2. The presence of the Lord hallows the world.
 - a. Matt.18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."
 - b. Acts 10:33. Peter talking to Cornelius, "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."
 - c. Habakkuk 2:20, "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."
3. The conclusion that I draw from all this is that I must conduct myself as a Christian at all time in all places and in all situations because God is everywhere all the time.
 - a. If I want to please him I must obey the gospel then live as faithful as I possibly can.