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### REVERENT AWE OF GOD

God is so great, awesome and magnificent that we cannot even begin to comprehend His greatness with the limitations of our human understanding. If you can even begin to comprehend how great God is, holding Him in reverent awe will be a top priority in your life.

**IF YOU TRULY FEAR AND REVERE GOD, YOU WILL BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT GOD CREATED YOU TO DO.** "...Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] and the whole [duty] for every man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

This verse of Scripture says that fearing God is "the root of character" and "the foundation of all happiness". Christians who have deep reverence for God will have the maturity of character that God wants each of His children to have. Please note the relationship between being very happy and fearing God. If you truly fear and revere God, you will trust Him to guide you and help you whenever you face "inharmonious circumstances." You will be living *exactly* the way that God has instructed every person to live.

**GOD ALWAYS EMPHASIZES IN THE BIBLE BY REPETITION. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT GOD DEFINITELY INSTRUCTS EVERY PERSON ON EARTH TO FEAR, REVERE AND WORSHIP HIM.** "Let all the earth fear the Lord [revere and worship Him]: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him." (Psalm 33:8)

"All the inhabitants of the world" are instructed to "stand in awe" of God. Unfortunately, some Christians do not truly fear and revere God. They go to church once or twice each week as a matter of duty. Their lives do not revolve around continual awe and respect for God Who created them. "...continue in the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord all the day long." (Proverbs 23:17)

You have seen that God instructs every person on earth to fear and revere Him. In this verse you are told that your Father wants you to have reverent fear for Him "all the day long." Your Father wants every aspect of your life to revolve around your deep and reverent awe for Him.

**GOD WILL BE VERY PLEASED IF YOU REVERENTLY AND WORSHIPFULLY FEAR HIM.** “The Lord takes pleasure in those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him...” (Psalm 147:11)

Do you want to please God? Of course you do. Your Father is *very* pleased with every one of His children who reverently and worshipfully fear Him. “Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who fears, reveres, and worships the Lord, who walks in His ways and lives according to His commandments.” (Psalm 128:1)

Your Father promises to bless *everyone* who truly fears, reveres and worships Him and learns and faithfully obeys the instructions He has given to each of us in His Book of Instructions, the Bible.

**GOD POURS OUT GREAT LOVE AND MERCY TO HIS CHILDREN WHO FEAR HIM.** “...as the heavens are high above the earth, so great are His mercy and loving-kindness toward those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him.” (Psalm 103:11)

God loves every person on earth unconditionally. However, many people block themselves from receiving God’s love. If you truly revere God, you will not block your Father from pouring out His mercy and loving-kindness on you.

**GOD PROMISES TO HELP AND PROTECT ALL OF HIS CHILDREN WHO FEAR AND REVERE HIM.** “You who [reverently] fear the Lord, trust in and lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield.” (Psalm 115:11)

God says that He will be your “help and shield” if you fear Him, trust Him and lean on Him. “The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers.” (Psalm 34:7)

God promises to send “the Angel of the Lord” to His children who truly fear and revere Him. The word “encamps” in this verse means that this angel will be with you continually. He will deliver you from the problems you face if you truly do fear and revere God.

**EVERY NEED THAT YOU HAVE WILL BE MET IF YOU TRULY FEAR GOD AND REVERE HIM.** “O fear the Lord, you His saints [revere and worship Him]! For there is no want to those who truly revere and worship Him with godly fear.” (Psalm 34:9)

There is “no want” in the lives of God’s children who revere Him. God promises in many places in the Bible that He will meet every need that you have (see Psalm 34:10, Romans 8:32, Philippians 4:19 and II Peter 1:3). Some Christians do not have all of their needs met because they block God from meeting their needs because of lack of faith. If you truly fear and revere God, you will *not* prevent your Father from meeting every need that you have.

**CHRISTIANS WHO TRULY FEAR THE LORD ARE COMPLETELY PROTECTED FROM THE INFLUENCE OF SATAN.** “The reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it rests satisfied; he cannot be visited with [actual] evil.” (Proverbs 19:23)

**GOD GIVES WISDOM TO ALL OF HIS CHILDREN WHO FEAR AND REVERE HIM.** Do you need to receive wisdom from God? There is no question that God promises to give wisdom to His children. (see James 1:5-8) The first thing that God requires from His children to receive supernatural wisdom from Him is to truly fear Him and revere Him. “The reverent fear and worship of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom...” (Psalm 111.10)

**CHRISTIANS WHO TRULY FEAR THE LORD WILL LIVE A LONG LIFE.** “...the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord prolongs one’s days ...” (Proverbs 10:27)

**GOD WILL FULFILL ALL OF YOUR DESIRES IF YOU TRULY FEAR HIM.** Do you want your Father to give you the desires of your heart? Of course you do. There is a definite relationship between God answering your prayers and whether or not you truly do fear Him and revere Him. “He will fulfill the desires of those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him...” (Psalm 145:19)

Revere God. Fear Him. Center every aspect of your life around God. Put Him in absolute first place where He belongs. (see Galatians 1:18)

This month’s study contains 13 verses of Scripture that instruct you to fear, revere, and worship God. *Do you* truly fear and revere God? Does every aspect of your life revolve around your deep reverence for Him? If you can answer these questions affirmatively, your Father will bless you *abundantly* for living your life the way He created you to live.