

Reverence Forbidden

- Exodus 20:1-21 -

- A. "Our Father who art in heaven" shows how special God's name is. It describes the nature, place, and authority of God...
- B. God needs and deserves our deepest respect... Not only in a worship service, but in our words, actions, and life... Reverence defined is "*holding God in the highest esteem*"....
- C. **Exodus 20** was an occasion of God's presence, and "*all the people...trembled, and stood afar off*" (v.18)...
- D. How God was honored and revered is found in the first 4 commandments in **Ex 20:3,4,7,8**...
- E. ***What does not deserve the same esteem and reverence*** we should give God??...

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- A. God gave man dominion over every thing (**Gen 1:26-28**), but "*What is man, that thou art mindful of him*" **Ps 8:5**
- B. Man does not deserve and should not be given the same reverence we direct to God (**Rom 1:21,25**)
- C. Whenever there is the absence of reverence to God, man is the first one we usually revere (***Secular Humanism***)
- D. Example: **Acts 14:11-15** Paul and Barnabas are considered gods, but Paul said God was worthy of reverence, not them...
- E. The Jews knew no man should have the same reverence due unto God (**Jn 10:32-34**).
- F. Although man may think as Eve was told, "*you will be like God*" (**Gen 3:5**). **Deut 4:35** says "*The Lord himself is God..*"
- G. **Jer 10:23 - Jas 4:10 - 1 Cor 3:21 - Rev 22:8,9**

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- A. **Matthew 6:19-24**
- B. Some things that people reverence are **SYMBOLS** (icons, jewelry, buildings, pictures, or statues - **Acts 17:29,30**)
- C. People who revere things: (1) ***Lay them up***, (2) ***Secure them*** or (3) ***Impress people with them***...
- D. Things burn (**2 Pet 3:10**) and they are left behind (**1 Tim 6:7**)
- E. Can you fight the devil with things (**Eph 6:10-20**)?
- F. Wisdom lays us treasures in heaven (**Matt 6:20**), not try to revere both God and things (v.21,24)..
Read **Psalm 111**.