



God's Due Series, No 2: Reverence, Psalms 90

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Intro: We often fail to comprehend the greatness and magnitude of people and things. We tend to lend too much credit to ourselves and our ability to appropriately measure a person or a thing in order to comprehend it.

Fear: *unpleasant emotion caused by belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, a threat.*

Reverence: deep respect for someone/something; awe.

To fear and revere God is to hold him uniquely as the object of ultimate dread, having the greatest potential for our harm, as well as being the only hope of averting our eternal harm and the ultimate object of our worship.

Psalm 90, of Moses

1. God is eternal— we're not

2. Who understands?

I. Fear of God— To Avoid Sin

- Exodus 19-20
- Jeremiah 2:19

What angers God? What should fear keep me from doing?

When I give God reverence, I forsake sin.

II. Fear of God— To Salvation/Life

Fear doesn't usually play much of a role when the gospel is proclaimed today— but it should. Warning people of the eternal consequence of rejecting God is wholly appropriate; we'd be negligent not to.

- Romans 6:23
- Luke 12:5
- Romans 3:18
- Hebrews 10:31
- Revelation 20:11,15
- Revelation 21:8

III. Fear of God– By God's Children

Yes, we've been freed from some forms of fear–

- ◇ Romans 8:15
- ◇ 2 Timothy 1:7
- ◇ 1 John 4:18

But fear and reverence for God continue to play a vital role in our lives

- Fear & Faith: Genesis 22:12
- Fear & love: Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Fear & wisdom: Job 28:28
- Fear & Provision: Psalm 34:9
- Fear & Favor: Psalm 147:11
- Fear & Comfort: Acts 9:31
- Fear & Future: 2 Corinthians 5:11
- Fear & Holiness: 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Fear & Father: 1Petet 1:17-19

Close: The fear of God will always lead us to the Son of God. Moses concluded his psalm with a prayer for God's favor; that prayer is answered in Jesus Christ.

When we live in Christ, we live free from the fear of death and judgment, while worshipping God in holy reverence.

Revelation 19:4–7 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" 5 And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready