

Introduction

1. Reverence is the basic definition of the fear of the LORD
 - a. Reverence is defined as, “honor or respect felt or shown: deference [respect and esteem due a superior or an elder] *especially*: profound adoring awed respect.” (Merriam-Webster)
2. With reverence as a basic definition of the fear of the LORD, what are some results that come from our reverence toward the God of Heaven?

Knowledge is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence is the starting point of knowledge ([Pr. 1:7](#))
2. God has placed all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in His Son, Jesus Christ ([Col. 2:3](#))
 - a. When we understand that God speaks to us through His Son, and ultimately His Word, then reverence is critical to obtaining saving knowledge (cf. [Heb. 1:1-2](#); [Jn. 12:48-50](#))

Wisdom is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence is the first principle [opening; commencement] of wisdom ([Pr. 9:10](#); cf. [Ps. 111:10](#))
 - a. Wisdom has been variously defined as, “knowledge properly applied,” and “seeing the end at the beginning”
2. What better source of wisdom than the One who declares the end from the beginning? ([Isa. 46:10](#))
 - a. If I reverence God, then I can share in the wisdom He has revealed ([Dt. 29:29](#); [Jm. 3:17-18](#); [Rm. 1:16-17](#))

Belief is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in believing in the LORD ([Ex. 14:31](#))
 - a. What prompted this belief? God’s great work in Egypt (cf. [Ex. 7-14](#))
2. God has given us enough signs to produce belief ([Jn. 20:30-31](#))

Obedience is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in obeying God ([Dt. 5:29](#))
 - a. Our obedience to God must take priority when in conflict with man’s law ([Ex. 1:15-21](#); [Gen. 9:6](#); cf. [Acts 5:26-32](#))
2. Not obeying God comes at a price ([Ex. 9:13-26](#))
3. Blessings follow obedience ([Dt. 6:1-2](#))

Holiness is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in being holy ([2 Cor. 6:11-7:1](#))
 - a. The church has been called out of darkness ([1 Pt. 2:9](#))
 - b. The church is to be salt and light ([Mt. 5:13-16](#))
2. A difference must be made between the unholy and holy ([Lev. 10:8-11](#))

Service is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in service to God ([Dt. 6:13](#))
 - a. God requires wholehearted service ([Dt. 10:12-13](#))
2. Our service is rendered to God who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth ([Mt. 4:10](#); [Jn. 4:19-24](#))

Happiness is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in happiness ([Pr. 28:14](#))
 - a. Happy (*asre* H835) is often translated as “blessed” (cf. [Ps. 1:1](#), [32:1](#))
2. Reverence must be consistent and promotes consistency
 - a. God is consistent (cf. [1 Cor. 14:33](#), [40](#))

Departing From Evil is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in departing from evil ([Pr. 3:7](#))
 - a. It should not be hard to depart from that which we hate ([Pr. 8:13](#))
2. Every Christian crucified the old man of sin at baptism ([Rm. 6:1-6](#); cf. [Col. 3:1-11](#))
 - a. Do not look back; keep your hand to the plow ([Lk. 9:62](#))

Not Sinning is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in not sinning ([Ex. 20:20](#))
 - a. Why? I am afraid of breaking God’s Law
 - b. The reverent will have God’s Word in their hearts for the purpose of not sinning ([Ps. 119:11](#))
2. Every thought must be filtered through the Word of God ([2 Cor. 10:3-6](#))

Hating Covetousness is a Result of Reverence

1. Reverence results in hating covetousness ([Ex. 18:21](#))
 - a. Covetousness is defined as, “**ill-gotten gain**, dishonest gain, valuable things obtained by theft, deception, or other immoral actions” (DBL Hebrew)
 - b. A person’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses ([Lk. 12:15](#))
 - c. Some are easily persuaded to pervert judgment and truth because of the love of money ([Mic. 3:11](#); cf. [1 Tim. 6:9-10](#))
2. Godliness with contentment is great gain ([1 Tim. 6:6-8](#))

Conclusion

1. Reverence results in belonging to God ([Mal. 3:16-18](#))
 - a. All accountable people are either a child of God or a child of the devil ([1 Jn. 3:10](#))
 - b. The reverent will do what it takes to belong to God
 - c. God listens to the reverent as they speak to each other, and He keeps a book of remembrance ([Mal. 3:16](#))
2. We want to be God’s jewels and to be spared [showed mercy] by Him ([Mal. 3:17](#))
3. We want to be those that are righteous and serve God ([Mal. 3:18](#))