Introduction

- 1. Moses had parents who feared the LORD (Ex. 2:1-10; Heb. 11:23)
 - a. It is clear from the biblical record that they instilled that same reverence for God into him
- 2. Moses was a man of reverence and will be our next example of reverence
 - a. Moses' designations
 - b. Moses' decisions

I. Moses' Designations

- 1. Moses was described as the servant of the LORD (<u>Dt. 34:5</u>; <u>Jos. 1:1</u>, <u>13</u>; <u>2 Kgs.</u> <u>18:12</u>; <u>2 Chr. 1:3</u>, <u>24:6</u>)
 - a. We can only serve one of two masters (Lk. 16:13)
 - b. Moses decided to fear God and serve Him (Dt. 6:13)
 - c. A servant of the Lord described (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
 - d. Jesus Christ was described as a servant (<u>Isa. 52:13, 53:11</u>; <u>Mk. 10:45</u>; <u>Acts 4:27-30</u>)
- 2. Moses was described as the man of God (<u>Dt. 33:1; Jos. 14:6; 1 Chr. 23:14; 2 Chr. 30:16; Ezra 3:2; Ps. 90</u>)
 - a. The man of God described (<u>1 Tim. 6:3-12</u>)
 - b. The man of God knows and applies the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- 3. Moses was described as a man of humility [meekness] (Num. 12)
 - a. We see God acknowledged Moses as prophet (<u>Num. 12:6</u>) and servant (<u>Num. 12:7</u>; cf. <u>Heb. 3:1-6</u>)
 - b. The fear of the LORD transfers to His servants (Num. 12:8)
 - i. Stay humble and let God handle the situation (Num. 12:9-16)
 - c. Humility and the fear of the LORD are linked (Pr. 15:33, 22:4)
 - i. Pride and the fear of the LORD do not mix (Pr. 8:13, 16:5-6)
- 4. Moses was described as a prophet (Dt. 18:15-19; cf. Acts 7:37)
 - a. Being a prophet of God requires reverence (2 Pt. 1:19-21; 2 Cor. 7:1)

II. Moses' Decisions

- 1. Defended his brethren (<u>Acts 7:23-25</u>; <u>Ex. 2:11-12</u>)
 - a. We need to defend [help] our brethren (Num. 32:1-6)

- i. Note that vengeance belongs to God (Rm. 12:17-21)
- b. Whose side are we on? (Ex. 32:25-26)
 - i. The one who fears God is on God's side (cf. Rm. 8:31; Heb. 13:5-6)
- 2. Attempted reconciliation of his brethren (Acts 7:26-29; Ex. 2:13-15)
 - a. We need to reconcile with our brethren (Mt. 5:23-24; Gal. 5:13-15; cf. Gal. 6:1-5)
 - i. Our brethren are members of the body of Christ (<u>Rm. 12:3-5</u>; cf. <u>1 Cor.</u> 12:12-27)
- 3. Chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin (Heb. 11:24-27)
 - a. Moses was an educated man in the Egyptian's ways (Acts 7:22)
 - i. He could have had an "easy" life in Egypt (Pr. 13:15; Ps. 73)
 - ii. Instead, he reverenced God enough to do it God's way which led him right into suffering affliction (2 Tim. 3:12)
 - b. Remember, the pleasures of sin are temporary (Heb. 11:25)
 - i. We must flee from error and greed and learn contentment (<u>1 Tim. 6:3-11; Phil. 4:11-13</u>)
 - c. The reward God gives is eternal (Heb. 11:26; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)
 - d. Moses could "see" God because he walked by faith (Heb. 11:27; 2 Cor. 5:7)
 - i. Moses relied greatly on God (Ex. 33:12-34:9)
 - ii. The trying of faith produces perseverance (Jm. 1:2-4)
 - iii. "The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever" (Ps. 19:9)

Conclusion

- 1. There is so much more we could examine about Moses
 - a. It is evident from this brief study he was a man of reverence
- 2. Moses was a servant of the LORD, a man of God, practiced humility, and was a prophet
 - a. All these designations require a great reverence for God and His Word
- 3. Moses made decisions which showed his fear of God including defending his brethren, attempting reconciliation, and choosing God over error and material gain
 - a. May we all learn from his example to be more reverent!