

## God Is To Be Had In Reverence

### I. Introduction:

- A. We cannot get into a mindset of just worshipping God because its time to do so and it just be a routine for us (**Isaiah 29:13** and **Ezekiel 33:30-33**).
1. A routine in itself is not wrong (**Luke 4:14-16**).
  2. There has to be order in worship (**I Corinthians 14:40**).
  3. However, “order” can easily become human tradition and such is wrong (**Mark 7:6-9**).
- B. We don't want to approach God with a leftover mentality either (**Malachi 1:6-14**). *\*The principals are what we are looking at from Old Testament examples (Romans 15:4), we know we are not to worship God by Old Testament standards (Romans 7:1-6).*
1. Don't offer to God what has no value to you (**II Samuel 24:18-25**).
  2. God has always been a “firstfruits” god (**Proverbs 3:9**); expecting sacrificial type [now spiritually speaking] of service and worship (**Hebrews 13:15-16**).

### II. Body: **Psalms 89:7**

- A. We want our approach and actions before God to be correct (**Philippians 3:3** and **Colossians 2:18-23**; cf. **Leviticus 10:1-3**).
1. We don't want to approach Him in a manner that would anger Him (**Psalms 76:7**, **Nahum 1:3-6**, and **Acts 5:1-11**).
  2. God deserves honor and glory (**Psalms 96:7-9**).
  3. It has to be more than just “the right words” (**Deuteronomy 5:28-29**).
- B. The principle of empty repetitions and lip service (**Matthew 6:5-8**).
1. Not opening our mouths too much (**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2**).
  - a. Sometimes a simple prayer of thanksgiving is all that is needed (**Mark 14:22-23**).
  - b. We don't worship to be seen of men (**Psalms 69:13**; cf. **Matthew 23:1-5**).
  2. In everything... (**I Thessalonians 5:17-18**; cf. **Ephesians 5:20**).
- C. Think of some applications...
1. We are to pray to God before eating (**Acts 27:34-36** and **I Timothy 4:1-5**), but not just to get to the food...
    - a. This demotes God (**Psalms 92:8**) below what you're eating.
    - b. Don't treat Him like a spoon or fork (**Job 23:12**).
    - c. Think of what it means to be THANKFUL (**Luke 17:11-19**).
  2. We are to study the Scriptures (**John 5:39**) and grow (**II Peter 3:18**).
  - a. God's word is not the Newspaper, Facebook feed, Tweets, or Headlines (**Psalms 119:127**).
  - b. Reverence for the truth demands meditation upon it (**Psalms 119:97**, **Psalms 1:1-2**, and **I Timothy 4:13-16**).
  3. IN YOUR PRIVATE PRAYERS: Praying to God doesn't just mean a “thank you” or a “give me”, but can be a talk from a son or daughter to his

or her Father (**Philippians 4:6-8** and **I Peter 5:6-7**; cf. **II Corinthians 6:14-18** and **I John 3:1-3**).

a. Think of Jesus here (**Matthew 26:36-46**, **John 17:1-26**, and **Hebrews 5:5-9**).

b. Don't be in a big hurry to just get done talking to God (**Luke 6:11-12**).

4. Sometimes a song sometimes a prayer (**James 5:13**).

III. Conclusion: **Psalms 4:3-5**, **Psalms 33:8**, and **Hebrews 12:28-29**