



**Sunday**  
Live Stream  
Bible Study 9:15 AM  
  
At the Building  
Worship 11:00 AM  
  
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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## **Hold Him in Reverence**

**T**he Bible begins simply by stating, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). The God of the Bible is described as the Creator, the Eternal One, the God Most High, the Almighty God, the One and only to be worshiped. He is Omniscient and Omnipresent.

The psalmist records that we should stand in awe of Him. “*By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: He layeth up the deeps in store-houses. Let all the earth fear Jehovah: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast*” (Psalm 33:6-9).

Consider His creation. The closest star to our sun is 24 trillion miles — 4.3 light years. The distance from one side of our galaxy to the other is about 100,000 light years. The nearest galaxy to ours is two million light years. Galaxies are grouped into clusters, and about 50 million light years away from us is a cluster of about 2500 galaxies. About 300 million light years away there is a cluster of about 10,000 galaxies, each with between 10 and 100 billion stars. Certainly, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth his handiwork*” (Psalm 19:1). We should say, as the psalmist, “*O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth, Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!*” (Psalm 8:1).

At least in the early days of the Hebrew nation, they had a great reverence for God. They had been at the foot of Mount Sinai when God descended upon it and gave the law. The Jews saw God descend in fire. They saw the mountain smoke. They felt the earth

quake. They trembled and stood afar off. They were in awe of God. That reverence and awe were carried to the extreme of not speaking His name when reading the Holy Scriptures. As time progressed, they became corrupted by the pagan societies and pagan worship around them.

I fear that God has become too commonplace in the lives of many today, even among those who claim to be Christians. There has been a loss of respect for Him. When I was young, there were no scheduled school or sports events scheduled on Wednesday evenings. People were attending mid-week Bible studies and prayer meetings. Businesses were not open on Sundays. People were attending religious services, even if many of them were in error. All that has changed and it is obvious by where we are in this world today.

It is when we begin to develop the proper attitude and reverence toward God that our lives will change. Our worship will truly be to His glory. Our lives will be lived to His glory. We will obey Him without question. We will strive to be pure in dress, speech, actions, morality, and more. We will love Him first and serve Him first. We will have such respect for Him that we will try to show others of His way. If we have the proper reverence toward God, all else will fall into place. As Solomon recorded, “*(This is) the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole (duty) of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil*” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

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