

# OUR RESPECT FOR GOD

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:5-9

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Introduction:

1. Earthly fathers give us great insight into how we are to respect God.
2. We must have a reverent respect for God -cf. Le 10:3
3. How do we show respect toward God?
4. We show respect toward God by...

## **I. KEEP HIS WORD**

### **A. DEATH TO SIN**

1. Death to all types of sin -ie. (Omission and commission)
2. Repentance is to be dead to sin -Ro 6:11

### **B. DOING HIS WILL**

1. We teach and follow the path of salvation
2. We follow the pattern of NT worship -Jn 4:24
3. Our interaction with one another -Jn 13:34, 35; Mt 6:14, 15

## **II. ORIGINATES FROM THE HEART**

### **A. THE ISRAELITES -Amos 5:21-ff**

1. God hated their feast days -vs. 21-24
2. He hated them because their heart was not right -vs. 25-27

### **B. DAYS OF MOSES**

1. From Mt. Sinai the people feared God as they should have -De 5:29
2. If they obeyed God, all would go well for them.

## **III. MOTIVATED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS**

### **A. ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS COULD CLEANSE US**

1. His love has been demonstrated to us -Ro 5:6-9
2. We have been redeemed -Ep 1:7
3. We have been bought with a price -1Co 6:18-20; 1Pe 1:18, 19

### **B. WE SHOULD NOT TREAT HIS BLOOD AS COMMON -Heb. 10:26-31**

1. This is sinning with intent. This is not synonymous with unintentional sin.
2. We do not continue in sin that grace may abound -Ro 6:1-4

#### **IV. SURPASSES ALL ELSE**

##### **A. WHAT WE LEAVE**

1. We respect God above others who would pull us away -Mt 10:34-39
2. We respect God above the love of this world -Ja 4:4; 1Jn 2:15-17

##### **B. WHAT WE CLING TO**

1. We love God with all our being -Mk 12:29-31
2. We keep His commandments to please Him -Jn 14:15

##### **Conclusion:**

1. True respect for God comes from our hearts and is motivated by the blood of Jesus.
2. True respect of God will motivate us to keep Him first in our lives.