

# REVERENCING AND HONORING GOD

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**“For although they knew God, they did not Honor him as God or give thanks to him, but They became futile in their thinking, and their Foolish hearts were darkened.” Ω Romans 1:21**

**“These people draw near to Me with their Mouth, and honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.” Ω Matthew 15:8**

**“So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) To the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not Honor the Father, Who has sent Him.”  
Ω John 5:23, Amplified Bible**

**“A son honoureth his father, and a Servant his master: if then I be a Father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is My fear?” Ω Malachi 1:6**

**“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in  
Heart and ears, ye do always resist the  
Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”**

**Ω Acts 7:51**

**The Bible is such a tremendous book! We can gain so much wisdom and revelation to help us in this life if we will take the time to read, study and meditate the Scriptures each day. God gave us the pattern of the Tabernacle of Moses in the Old Testament as a *sign* that as priests and kings of God we too must partake of the Bread of Life fresh each day. Like the Manna—a type of Jesus—it cannot be stored but must be fresh each day.**

**Last night the Lord gave me a lengthy night vision. In this vision I was in a large auditorium that seated about 30-40,000 people and I was not behind the podium speaking (several other men were there) but was praying for people out in the auditorium. There were others out in the auditorium praying for people as well.**

**I was standing in a small seated area in the middle of the auditorium and I looked at about 6 people and all of a sudden the Word of Knowledge began to operate and I heard the Lord say to me: “There are 12 prayers that have not been answered from these people.” I repeated what the Lord said to me to them and yet none of them said anything or made any response to indicate that they knew which prayers the Lord was talking about. Yet I knew that they were resisting the Holy Spirit. I said: “There’s a man from Denver here who has cancer” (and I knew which one of them he was) but again, there was no response. You would think that he would want to be healed but instead he just sat passively there and looked at me.**

**We see this quite often in ministry—people resisting the Holy Spirit. You can feel it especially strongly when you minister by the laying on of hands with a tangible anointing. You can feel that anointing go into the person and also feel its resistance from inside them. They are stopping what the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish in their life! Often**

**this is due to the presence of an evil spirit as well. We see this same thing in the New Testament with Jesus, Paul, Stephen and others—people resisting the work of the Holy Spirit and thus not honoring God as God. You should never fight what the Holy Spirit wants to do in your life; He is your Helper!**

**For many years I've stated that the greatest misconception people have is that because God is God His will is always done. My experience over many years is that the will of the Lord is normally *not* done. Often when I say this it shocks Christians but it's the truth and if you don't believe me just ask yourself—"What does the Word say?" You will find it throughout the Bible—God's will is stated but the people refuse to obey Him so, like Israel of old, they have to wander or suffer something God wanted to stop in their lives.**

**The second greatest misconception, I believe, Christians hold is that because we have a "better covenant" based on "better promises" that somehow this makes us immune to the problems of mankind. No, the nature of people is still the same because we are all born with the Adam sin-nature and we must work with the Holy Spirit after our new birth to "crucify the flesh" as Jesus did and live by the Spirit in the spirit realm. We must build up our spirit so that it can dominate the flesh and soul or else we will give in to sin.**

**One important principle I've learned from the Scriptures is this: people can recognize what God has done in the past and they study the Scriptures to learn what He is going to do in the future but they have great difficulty recognizing what the Spirit is doing right now, today, in their midst. Jesus encountered this with the Pharisees and others of His day—they were always speaking about Moses and talking about the future Messiah but they didn't recognize that the Messiah was standing right there speaking with them. No, they wanted to argue with God! As Paul later so eloquently stated it—they wanted to reject God's righteousness and establish their own! But guess, what? Their own was from the past—they were stuck in the past with what God had done 1500 years ago.**

**They did not move with the Cloud. The Cloud is always moving—the Holy Spirit is never stagnant—that’s why the picture of Him as being a River of Life (Rev. 22:1, John 4:14) is so appropriate. The Word says that He is able to “search all things, yes, the deep things of God” and so He is able to reveal those deep things of God “to us” (I Cor. 2:10). And this is exactly why the Spirit of the Lord revealed to Eve and I many years ago in Montana that He “is building His Church by revelation.” The Spirit knows these deep things but it requires revelation and the three Revelation Gifts of the Holy Spirit in order for Him to show them to us so that we can assist the Lord in building His Church now. Without revelation, you won’t know where to go or what to do.**

**But in the night vision of last night, even though the man from Denver obviously knew that he had cancer and had been praying (or others had been praying) for his healing, he did not respond when the Holy Spirit manifested through the spiritual revelation gift of the Word of Knowledge. And others in this small group as well should have responded because I’m sure the Holy Spirit was speaking to them about their “unanswered prayers” when the Lord spoke this Word of Knowledge. Why didn’t they respond?**

**The Lord showed me that this was a form of His people resisting the work of the Holy Spirit and thus the Lord’s people were not—and are not because the vision speaks of the Church today—honoring Him and fearing Him as their Lord and Master. Most Christians don’t even recognize that they are in rebellion to the Lord Jesus just as the Pharisees didn’t recognize it in the first half of Daniel’s Seventieth Week.**

**And, unfortunately, like the children of Israel that Moses led for 40 years in the wilderness, we tend to “murmur and complain” against the Lord and the Spirit the whole time He is trying to help us. We tend to be ungrateful people and the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3 that this is one of the signs of “the last days” when “perilous times shall come.”**

**I want to encourage you today to repent to the Holy Spirit from any of this type behavior and be certain that you are honoring and reverencing the Lord each day and that you are grateful for all He has done for you. Yes, there will be attacks. Jesus said that as long as we are in this world we will “have tribulation.” But just believe the Bible. Remember, no matter what happens to you the “Scriptures cannot be broken” and the Word of the Lord is:**

**“And we know that all things work together for good to those who Love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”**

**Ω Romans 8:28**