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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Showing Reverence

Let's discuss reverence towards God. Throughout the writing of the Old Testament, we see this mentioned multiple times. Deuteronomy 5 describes God instructing the Israelites on how to show proper reverence. This begins with the Ten Commandments and includes laws regarding purity, holiness, and worship. One of the purposes of these strict laws was to define holiness and impress upon them the necessity for reverence in the presence of God. What were the consequences of those who refrained from showing reverence? Let's look at Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu. They were consumed by fire for using unauthorized fire. This incident shows the importance of approaching God with proper reverence and respect for His commands, especially when it involves worship.

While we may no longer be under the old law, we are under the new Law of Liberty (James 2:12). So I ask, are we still obligated to give reverence to the Lord in worship and in our everyday lives? The answer would be YES. One way to show reverence for God is by learning how to truly worship Him. "God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and Truth" (John 4:24). We worship in spirit when our hearts are aligned with His will and in truth when our minds are engaged and filled with His words.

The last question I want to pose is this: What do our actions during worship say about our reverence for God? Say a brother or sister comes to Sunday worship and is playing a game on their phone, looking up items on Facebook Marketplace, or talking the entire time in the lobby. Are they giving reverence to God as they should? While sometimes these situations may be uncomfortable, we are taught to correct and train in the ways of righteousness so that we can be equipped as servants of God (2 Timothy 3:15-16).

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Please remember, God is always watching, and we will always be an influence on those around us, good or bad. Let your influence be an instrument in positively changing the way someone holds reverence for God. "Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death" (James 5:20).~Jeff Snyder

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
02/01 Monthly Potluck 02/10 Hand and Foot get together 01/14 Men's Business Meeting	Wanda Danley 2/16 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
Men's Business meeting this Saturday 01/14	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Pam Fox, Doreen Martinez, Carlos Soto, Chris Romero,**
- **Lupe Mendoza** – Congestive Heart Failure
- **Nate Perkins** (Danny's relative) has cancer
- **Granny Perkins** (Danny's relative) Kidney issues
- **Shannon Mendoza** asked for Prayers for her mother and Mother – in - law
- **Curtis Mohr** –(Pasco Church of Christ, used to attend at Kennewick) – as he continues to recover from respiratory infection
- **Earlene Reeves** - (Fran's daughter's Mother-in-Law)
- **John Dawson** – (Connie's Brother) – dialysis for kidney function
- **Judy Ward** – as she deals with aFib issues

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	J. Mendoza	C. Sullins	K. Winstead L. Moore	G. Keever
Next Week	J. Mendoza	D. Mendoza	G. Keever	K. Winstead K. McCown	B. Lafferty

When Sympathy Becomes Dangerous

Have you seen this cliché in movies before? A heart-broken character receives a hand on the shoulder and a friend tells him, “I sympathize...No! I empathize with you.” In this moment they want to portray that instead of feeling pity for their situation that they actually feel the same emotion as their unfortunate friend.

In modern conversation, you will often hear people esteem empathy as a far more preferable response to someone’s plight. In some ways this can be true. To empathize with someone necessitates a close bond with someone. According to Oxford Languages, empathy is “the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.” This can happen between two people that share a similar circumstance or worldview. For people experiencing tragedy, a word of empathy can often be more beneficial than sympathy.

In the Bible, Christians are taught to show empathy, especially toward one another. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” He also states in Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Furthermore, Jesus demonstrated the very essence of empathy in His incarnation. Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Jesus feels pity for us (sympathy) because He lived as we do and shows us mercy (empathy).

However, empathy can also be dangerous. Sometimes people prioritize empathy so much that it leads to sin. In the verse right before Paul said, “Bear one another’s burdens,” he warned, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1). Empathy should drive us to reach out and rescue others when they fall into sin. But we must be careful and not let that pursuit lead us into sinning ourselves.

Consider these examples. If a brother starts going to drinking parties, an empathetic Christian should be driven to confront them. But, if they go to the party, they may be tempted to join in. Or a Christian may become close friends with someone and later learn they are a homosexual. Their empathy for their friend may lead them to reject Biblical teaching in favor of their friend and fall into the sin of approving of sin (cf. Rom. 1:32).

Christians must have empathy for their fellow man. But empathy must be guided and limited by the Word of God. ~Robert Lupo

Wednesday Night Devotional					
	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
02/04	L. Moore	G. Keever	03/04	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
02/11	J. Mendoza	D. Mclaughlin	03/11	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty
02/18	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	03/18	D. Mendoza	L. Moore
02/25	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	03/25	L. Moore	J. Wilson

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 Bondsmen, Candlestick,
 Captive, Conceived,
 Damascus, Embrace, Gehazi,
 Handmaid, I pray thee, King of
 israel, King of syria, Leprosy,
 Man of God, Messenger,
 Mount Carmel, Offering,
 Prophets, Sabbath, Sacrifice,
 Samaria, Servitor,
 Shunammite, Sitting, Son of
 my Lord, Talents, Two mules,
 Wash

"As a trial, the brothers of the congregation have decided that all worship services and adult classes will meet in the main auditorium while we work on getting livestreaming and audio in the fellowship hall classroom. If you want to work with the adult class worksheets, please bring a clip board in the meantime."
 Thank you -Chase

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Meeting Times:
 Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm
Minister: Chase Sullins

Attendance 02/08 45 Contribution 02/08 \$2544.00

