

## “REVERENCE AND AWE” HEBREWS 12:28–29 [#61]

INTRODUCTION —

### A. BE GRATEFUL FOR BEING IN GOD'S KINGDOM

1. THE BETTER KINGDOM — RECEIVED BY GRACE
2. THE KINGDOM THAT LASTS FOREVER      NOT SHAKEN
3. THE NEED FOR GRATITUDE // OPPOSITE? ◊RP

### B. BE CAREFUL IN YOUR WORSHIP OF GOD

1. NOT JUST ANY OLD WORSHIP.... ! HEED HIS WORDS!
2. REVERENCE & AWE ARE KEY CHARACTERISTICS
3. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH — JOHN 4

### C. BE MOTIVATED BY GOD'S HOLY NATURE & PURPOSES

1. FIRE @ EXODUS 3                      GOD IS HOLY
2. FIRE @ DEUT. 4:23-24              A JEALOUS GOD
3. FIRE @ 2 PETER 3:7, 10-13; 1THES 1:8 JUDGE OF UNGODLY

### CLOSING WORDS

- ◆ RESPOND TO GRACE WITH GRATITUDE
- ◆ WORSHIP WITH REAL REVERENCE (NOT LATE, NO POP CULTURE)
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RP: (LPR LINE 1)

“GOD'S RULE SHOULD EXTEND FURTHER AND DEEPER INTO OUR LIVES AND INTO THIS WORLD. THAT IS WHAT HISTORY IS ABOUT, AND IF WE ARE WISE, WE WILL VALUE OUR PARTICIPATION IN CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL KINGDOM FAR ABOVE ANY WORLDLY CALLING.” 581.

◊ RP: “THE GOSPEL INVITES US TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD, TO LIVE UPON HIS MOUNTAIN IN THE CITY HE HAS PREPARED. YET IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT GOD'S HOLINESS PUTS AN ETERNAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE CREATOR AND THE CREATURE.” 582

◊RP: “GOD WILL NOT BECOME A MORE PALATABLE, A CHUMMIER KIND OF GOD. HE WILL NEVER BE SAFE. BUT HE IS THE SAVIOR, THE GOD OF MAJESTY AND GRACE — THE GOD WHO SHAKES THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, BUT GIVES TO HIS OWN A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN.” 583