

Intro:

Psalm 2:11: *Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

Main Point of Txt: Proper fear of God is the right response to His revelation of Himself/His Law through His Mediator.

Sermon Point: *Serve the LORD with godly fear.*

Move 1: Proper fear is a proper response to God's redemptive revelation.

Like 19:16, they trembled: vs. 18; here, retreated. Afraid would die: Vs. 19. With good reason. Remember 19:12-13, 21-24 (boundaries). Deut. 18:16-17: God said what they say here was well spoken. Still, their fear needed guidance: vs. 20a. God seeks not dread, but reverence. 2 Cor. 7:10-11.

Move 2: Proper fear gets a good response from your Redeemer God.

Vs. 19 contrasted w/ vs. 22. They humbly desire mediation, and thus get it: vs. 21 (like Ex. 19:3-25). Type of Jesus as our Mediator into heaven. Gal. 3:20-22. Heb. 2:17/ SC 25. **Heb. 9:24:** ... *Christ ... entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.* Mediation by sacrifice: vss. 22-26. Ps. 2:12: *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.* Seen in vs. 24.

Move 3: Proper fear prepares you to properly worship Jesus and properly live with Him.

Vs. 20: God intended to scare so they get serious. So they serve. Proper service is to not sin: 1 Jn. 3:4; 5:17. "Prove" (15:25; 16:4): test, train: to live well. Deut. 4:10; 6:2:

- *Stand in awe, and sin not ...* (Psalm 4:4)
- Prov. 1:7; 3:7; Prov. 16:6.
- Deut. 10:12-13
- 1 Sam. 12:24-25

Conclusion:

Joshua 24:14-15.

Hebrews 12:28: *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*

Serve the LORD with godly fear.