"The Generational Sin of *Irreverence*" Hebrews 12:28-29; Leviticus 10:1-3; Malachi 1:6

"Modern Corporate Worship has little to **no reverence**. It is casual, convenient, unorderly, comfortable, unintentional, slight, and carefree. It is **people-centric**, not God-centric. God demands reverent worship."

"But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is **humble and contrite** in spirit and **trembles** at My word."

(Isaiah 66:2b)

- Hebrews 12:28-29; Leviticus 10:1-3; Malachi 1:6-10
 - o Thankfulness for the Goodness of God.
 - Acceptable Way of Worship.
 - God is to be treated with Awe and Reverence.
 - Our God is a consuming fire.
- Three Questions:
 - What is Reverence? It is a deep and profound respect for God covered in love, devotion, awe
 and appreciation. <u>It is inwardly felt and outwardly expressed.</u> It helps us to see reality so we can
 live in reality.
 - What does Reverence look like? (Funerals and Weddings)
 - A specific kind of *dress*.
 - A specific kind of *behavior*.
 - It requires *intentionality* and *preparation*.
 - It demands *priority*.
 - It demands a centralized focus and celebration/worship.
 - Reverence demands and is worthy of attention; Reverence is weighty;
 Reverence is serious, Reverence is joyful.
 - How do we grow in and teach our children reverence?

■ Children:

- Pray daily with your children and have them be quiet anytime someone is praying.
- When you read the Bible to your children, teach them to be quiet.
- Train your children to do quiet activities regularly.
- Be very sparing with T.V., tablets, or video games.
- If the child is in the service or taken out of the service, sitting quietly is the expectation; disruptive behavior is never rewarded with play time.
- Train your children not to interrupt adults when they are talking.
- Have your children bring their own Bible and notepad to church.
- Teach them the irreplaceable value of corporate worship.

Adults:

- Plan your lives around corporate worship.
- Come into church prepared to worship.
- Have daily time with God.
- Have a family discussion about the sermon.
- Celebrate Grace and Practice Repentance regularly.

Worship: Rock of Ages — The Modern Post Speak, O Lord — The Gettys Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: Holy Holy Holy — Various Artists

Announcements:

- ★DONATIONS: Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry.
- ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, April 21st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER: Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be NEXT Sunday, April 21st, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.