

“Reverence for the Father of (Our) Spirits”

Heb. 12:7-10

Introduction:

- A. Human fathers deserve and receive our love and reverence – even as they discipline us.
 - 1. Our own fathers.
 - 2. Our proxy fathers (cf. Mark 10:29-30)
- B. How much does the Father of our spirits deserve our love and reverence?
- C. We need to understand why and how we love and revere the “Father of (our) spirits.”

Discussion:

I. We Love and Revere Him Because He First Loved us (1 John 4:19)

- A. Enough to make us free agents (Deut. 30:15-20)
- B. Enough to give his son for us (1 John 4:9-10)
- C. Enough to delay the world’s destruction (2 Pet. 3:1-18)
- D. Enough to discipline us (Heb. 12:3-11)
 - 1. By His providence.
 - 2. By His precepts (1 Cor. 5)

II. We Love and Revere Him by Doing His Will (1 John 3:18-24; 5:1-3)

- A. In order to be saved (Heb. 5:8,9)
- B. In all things (2 Cor. 2:9; cf. Jas. 2:10)
 - 1. In primary obedience to the gospel (Matt. 28-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38)
 - 2. In follow-up obedience to the gospel (Phil. 2:12; Gal. 3:1; 5:7)
- C. In all places and times (Phil. 2:12, 13)
 - 1. At Home
 - 2. On Vacation
 - 3. At work, play, etc.

Conclusion:

- A. The Father of our spirits has done so much for us.
- B. The Father of our spirits has invited us to partake of all spiritual blessings.
- C. The Father of our spirits will not allow us to show irreverence or disrespect (cf Matt. 22:1-14)