

# “IT’S A HOLY REVERENCE”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**We ought to exalt the Lord at every opportunity.**

The lack of reverence is out of control. It’s not just the liberal minded T.V. personalities being irreverent anymore.

It is nearly everyone. It is older folks. It is children.

What makes people think they can speak about God the way they do?

It’s not just saying certain word. OR collection of words. OMG or TGIF

It is living a certain way and claiming a close relationship with God. Its mockery!

**Mockery** -insulting or contemptuous action or speech

## Psalm 36:1

The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there  
is no fear of God before his eyes.

There are things that I do not like today.

Very few things we are going to find in this world God is pleased with.

Fair statements?

Spiritual salvation is among the things that cannot be clearly demonstrated to the natural mind.

Repentance of sin is a fleeting message.

Homosexuality is the only sin ministers have some liberty with. But not for long.

(Since first preaching this message in Dec. 2010 the Supreme Court has had a devastating ruling about marriage)

Some pastors have refused to speak on the subject with local media (Wisdom or weakness)?

**In January 1661:** Bunyan was brought before the quarter sessions in the Chapel of Herne, Bedford. His prosecutor, Mr. Wingate, despite Bunyan's clear breaches of the Religion Act 1592, was not inclined to incarcerate Bunyan. However, Bunyan's stark statement '**If you release me today, I will preach tomorrow!**' left the magistrates (in their mind) – with no choice but to imprison him. So Bunyan was incarcerated for 3 months ... and preaching at "unlawful meetings".

The **Religion Act 1592** (35 Eliz. I, c. 1) was an Act of the Parliament of England. The Act imprisoned those over the age of sixteen who failed to attend Church; persuaded others to do the same; denied Queen Elizabeth's authority in religious matters; and who attended unlawful religious meetings without bail. If, after offending, they did not conform in the next three months, they would be exiled from England forever.

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Proverbs 16:6 "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil"

This “God loves everybody” theology has taken its toll.

Do to “Lack of Fear” issue nations will end in ruin.

**Rev. 11: 15**

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”

**Matt. 5:33-37**

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: <sup>34</sup> But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: <sup>35</sup> Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

**Bro. Brong:**

**REVERENCE**, Matthew 5:33-37. Swearing of oaths, allowable for legal or other solemn purposes. It’s out of place in common conversation. Frivolous swearing, as well as false swearing, is taking the name of God in vain. Jesus here condemns the wrong use of oaths.

**Obligation of Oaths**, 33.

Reference to God in an oath amounts to calling upon Him to witness the oath and to punish any deception involved. So what was said on this subject "**by them of old time**" was good as far as it went. An oath or vow once taken should certainly be observed. **(Be careful about the use of AMEN)**

**Purpose of Oaths**, 34-36.

However, many people like to use some byword or epithet instead of mentioning God directly, trying to escape the swearing. Jesus will have none of such subterfuge. Swearing by any part of God's creation is an indirect reference to the Creator, and has no place in decent conversation.

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## **Outlawing Ordinary Oaths, 37.**

God Himself has sworn by Himself [Hebrews 6:13], Jesus submitted to being sworn in court [Matthew 26:63], and the apostle Paul wrote various statements under oath [for instance, Romans 9:1]. Nevertheless, Jesus has outlawed swearing in ordinary everyday communication. **Yes or No** is answer enough for a truthful man, or if more emphasis is needed we can say **Yes, yes, or No, no!** Any swear words added in ordinary conversation are "of evil."

**These are just some principles we are to have in discipleship.**

**Remember:** Secret sins of darkness are exposed in all their ugliness by Him Who is the Light.

It is not surprising that hypocritical religious leaders, from the first century to the twenty first, have hated the Christ of God.

In Luke, Jesus exposed their hypocrisy "[in the audience of all the people.](#)" **Luke 20:45-47**

**This is a very simple message.**

## **What makes a good sermon?**

There are “timeless” messages and there are “timely” messages.

**I hope this is both: and it causes all of us to consider everything we say and do.**

## **Preached:**

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