LESSON SIX - A Lesson on Reverence

**MATTHEW 17:1-9**

Six days later Jesus \*took with Him Peter and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+17%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23702a)]James and John his brother, and \*led them up on a high mountain by themselves. **2**And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. **3**And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. **4**Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+17%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23705b)]tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **5**While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!” **6**When the disciples heard *this*, they fell [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+17%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23707c)]face down to the ground and were terrified. **7**And Jesus came to *them* and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” **8**And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. **9**As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

**MARK 9:1-9**

And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

**2**Six days later, Jesus \*took with Him Peter and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24541a)]James and John, and \*brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; **3**and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. **4**Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.**5**Peter \*said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24544b)]tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **6**For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. **7**Then a cloud [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24546c)]formed, overshadowing them, and a voice [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24546d)]came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24546e)]listen to Him!” **8**All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

**9**As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK9%3A1-9&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24548f)]until the Son of Man rose from the dead

**LUKE 9:28-36**

**28**Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **29**And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became* white *and* [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25331a)]gleaming. **30**And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, **31**who, appearing in [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25333b)]glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32**Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. **33**And as [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25335c)]these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25335d)]tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not realizing what he was saying. **34**While he was saying this, a cloud [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25336e)]formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. **35**Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, *My* Chosen One; listen to Him!” **36**And when the voice [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=LUKE+9%3A28-36&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-25338f)]had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

**Overview**

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up to a mountain, and there they witness Christ's marvelous transfiguration. Peter once

again, speaks up impulsively, and the Father Himself responds, commanding that His Son be paid proper reverence.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Understand that no person, however godly, is to be revered.

2. Realize that the Lord is to have preeminence above all else.

3. Choose to reverence the Lord.

**Teaching Outline**

**1. The Lord's Program**

A. The conference

B. The cross

**2. The Disciple's Proposal**

A. The tribute

B. The tabernacles

**3. The Father's Proclamation**

A. Hear the Son.

B. Heed the Son.

**MATTHEW 6:5-6 - 5**“When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+6%3A5-6&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23288a)]so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. **6**But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

**ROMANS 8:31-32 - 31**What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? **32**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

**REVELATION 22:17 - 17**The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

**HEBREWS 10:10-14 - 10**By [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+10%3A10-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30144a)]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**11**Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; **12**but He, having offered one sacrifice for [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+10%3A10-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30146b)]sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, **13**waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. **14**For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=HEBREWS+10%3A10-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30148c)]sanctified.

**GALATIANS 4:4-7 - 4**But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=GALATIANS+4%3A4-7&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29136a)]the Law, **5**so that He might redeem those who were under [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=GALATIANS+4%3A4-7&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29137b)]the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **6**Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **7**Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=GALATIANS+4%3A4-7&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29139c)]through God.

**MATTHEW 26:39 -**And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

**MATTHEW 26:42 -**He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

**MATTHEW 26:53 -54 -** Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+26%3A53-54&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-24108a)]legions of angels? **54**How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, *which say* that it must happen this way?”

**EXODUS 34:29-35 - 29**It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony *were* in Moses’ hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. **30**So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. **31**Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. **32**Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the Lord had spoken [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=EXODUS+34%3A29-35&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-2529a)]to him on Mount Sinai. **33**When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. **34**But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, **35**the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

**MALACHI 1:6-14 - 6**“‘A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23096a)]respect?’ says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’ **7***You* are presenting defiled [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23097b)]food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is to be despised.’ **8**But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23098c)]Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the Lord of hosts. **9**“But now [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23099d)]will you not entreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us? [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23099e)]With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?” says the Lord of hosts. **10**“Oh that there were one among you who would shut the [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23100f)]gates, that you might not uselessly kindle *fire on* My altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the Lord of hosts, “nor will I accept an offering from [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23100g)]you. **11**For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name *will be* great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is* pure; for My name *will be*great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts. **12**“But you are profaning it, in that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.’ **13**You also say, ‘[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23103h)]My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the Lord of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and *what is* lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says the Lord. **14**“But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King,” says the Lord of hosts, “and My name is [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23104i)]feared among the [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MALACHI+1%3A6-14&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23104j)]nations.

**JOHN 10:31-33 - 31**The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. **32**Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” **33**The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God.”

**JEREMIAH 23:29 - 29**“Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock?

**ISAIAH 55:10-11 - 10**“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth

And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; **11**So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

**HEBREWS 4:12 - 12**For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 - 16**All Scripture is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+TIMOTHY+3%3A16-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29870a)]inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+TIMOTHY+3%3A16-17&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29870b)]training in righteousness; **17**so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Let's meet at My house Sunday before the game. -God

C'mon over and bring the kids.-God

What part of "Thou Shalt Not. .. " didn't you understand? -God

We need to talk. -God

Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer.-God

Loved the wedding, invite Me to the marriage. -God

That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing ... I meant it. -God

I love you and you and you and you and ... -God

Will the road you're on get you to My place?-God

Follow Me.-God

Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding.-God

My way is the highway.-God

Need directions?-God

You think it's hot here?-God

Have you read My #1 best seller? There will be a test.-God

Do you have any idea where you're going?-God

Don't make Me come down there.-God

I can think of ten things that are carved in stone. -God

I don't question YOUR existence.-God

**MATTHEW 7:24-27 - 24**“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+7%3A24-27&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23341a)]acts on them, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+7%3A24-27&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23341b)]may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25**And the rain fell, and the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+7%3A24-27&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23342c)]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. **26**Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+7%3A24-27&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23343d)]act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27**The rain fell, and the [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MATTHEW+7%3A24-27&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-23344e)]floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

**JAMES 1:21-25 - 21**Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30288a)]that remains of wickedness, in [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30288b)]humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. **22**But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. **23**For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30290c)]natural face in a mirror; **24**for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30291d)]he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. **25**But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30292e)]an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JAMES+1%3A21-25&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30292f)]what he does.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:31 - 1**I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

**GALATIANS 2:20 - 20**I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+GALATIANS+2%3A20&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-29102a)]the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**MEMORY VERSE**

A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him?

**PSALM 89:7**

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. List 4 scriptures that remind us to be respectful or reverent of the Lord?
2. Who did Jesus take up on the mountain with Him?
3. What did they do there? Who did they see there? (LUKE 9:28)
4. How do you recognize God working in your daily life? And how can we attribute daily blessings to Him as they happen?
5. Given the choice, would you rather hear the audible voice of the Lord, or have His word in writing? And Why?
6. What is the Law of Liberty as referred to in JAMES 1:25?
7. Tell of a time when you could see a lack of reverence for God.
8. Describe a way you can show reverence for the Lord.