

Women of the Word
IMAGE BEARERS:
Made for Relationship; Made to Worship
RESPECT (Reverence toward God; Esteem toward each other)

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I Review: SO FAR...

Attributes God shares with us:

1. God

God self-discloses HIMSELF to believers in Jesus
The Father discloses Himself in General revelation (creative power, eternal attributes) and in Special revelation (sending His Son) in the person of the Lord Jesus Who has **revealed the Father's heart to us**, indwells us through the Spirit Who rebirths (regenerates) us to a Living Hope and makes the Savior (Living Word) real to/in us and illumines His Word (written Word) to us.

God is with us; we have EVERYTHING WE NEED for life and godliness.

“**He** that spared **not his own Son**, but delivered **him** up for **us** all, how shall **he not with** with **him** freely **give us all things?**” (Romans 8:32)

2. Honesty (truthfulness)

God has told us the truth; God cannot lie; God IS the TRUTH.
The born again believer is alive to God, enabled by the Spirit to know truth, speak truth, obey truth and love the truth.

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)

I RESPECT (Reverence, Esteem and Honor)

1. INTRODUCTION: Learning to Revere God and Respect others so we will treasure the value of God and God's family and so reflect the character of Christ. This will compel believers to worship God well and enable them to grow godly relationships.

2. MANDATE: Be HOLY as I am Holy, in all you do. (Lev. 20:3, 22:2; 1 Peter 1:13-16)

The Old Testament book of Isaiah is one of the best known of the prophetic books. It Contains many well-loved Scriptures. They help us see how God has cared for our sinful state and has provided for our spiritual and personal (relational) well being.

- **God desires** a relationship (1:18)
- **God promises** the ‘sign of a virgin’ who will birth Immanuel (7:14) His Name means ‘**God with us**’ – the One who will come to us and models godly relationships
- **The character of the child** who will come to us is Almighty God! (Is. 9:6,7)
- **The promise of the One** who will **prepare the way** for the Savior (40:3)
- **The description of God** - He never gets tired of **enabling tired people** (40:28-31)
- **The prophecy** about the death and burial of **the Redeemer Messiah** (chapter 53)

Isaiah 9:6,7 explains and completes Psalm 2

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his

kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

3. MODELS: Name, Task and Preparation for Task

****Isaiah** (Is. 6)

****Peter** (Luke 5:1-11; Mt. 16:13-20)

Name -

Date -

Task -

Their Prep -

What do Isaiah and Peter see?

How does they respond?

What does God DO for them?

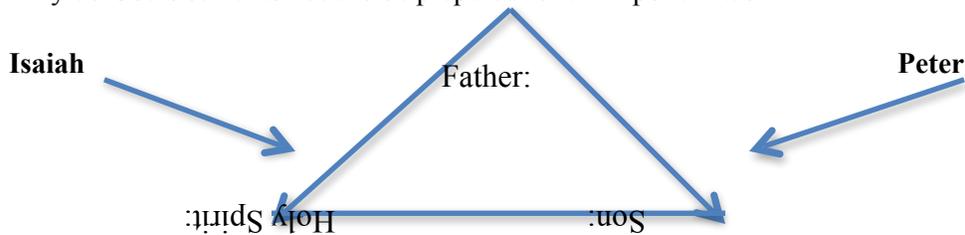
How does God's response to Isaiah/Peter change their self-concept?

Define RESPECT:

Why does Isaiah respect God?

Why does Peter respect the Lord Jesus?

Why do God's servants need to be prepared for an important task?



****The Triune God: Possesses the _____ value in the universe.**

We reflect His Image when we _____ what He values and respond to His person by _____ and _____ thoughts worthy of Him and His _____

****Therefore, because believers are made in God's Image, it means we must**

REJOICE in the God Who is WORTHY to be Respected and Reverenced, taking s His WORTHINESS seriously, recognizing the WORTH/VALUE assigned to man

Made for Relationships

we RESPECT each other because God gives us VALUE; we are _____

saving!

Made to Worship

We REVERE the TRIUNE God of Glory Who has entered a relationship with us

We RESPOND in WORSHIP of Him when we know and love His attributes

4. **GOAL:** To grow to revere (fear) the Lord more, to respect/esteem brothers and sisters more than yourself and to

5. **PRINCIPLES:** Living out the Attribute of Reverence for God and Respect for others;

a. Reverence for God (many of Paul's prayers of praise can help you worship)

- God _____ His heartbeat to Isaiah in Is. 6 and to Peter in Mt. 16:13-20. It hasn't changed: both lived among a nation of pagans and hypocrites who would not believe as do we.

- Why is it important that as believers we understand WHO God is in the context of a corrupt in order to stand firm?

- How should the choice to revere God for Who He is change the way we live?

- How is pride related to a critical spirit of God or fellow believers?

- How does Prov. 9:10 truism motivate you to willingly choose to fear of God being afraid of men?

'The fear (respect) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'

And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding!'

b. Respect for others (Phil. 2:1-11 is our memory verse to help us do this).

-What is the difference between seeing humans as 'worthless' as compared to seeing them 'unworthy'?

- What criteria do you use to determine whether or not someone is worthy of your respect?

- How does knowing this distinction help us esteem others for their God-given worth rather than external things such as beauty, riches, power, fame, gifts etc. OR for not esteeming them because of an irritating habit?

- Relationships flourish when watered with _____ and high _____. What practical things can you do to show someone you value them?

CONCLUSION:

WALK THROUGH the Psalms and the prayers of Scripture to become enthralled with the WORTH of the Lord, entering into a joy-filled relationship with Him, respecting, fearing and worshipping Him in spirit and truth.

Commit to the DAILY PRACTISE of worshiping God' for WHO Scripture says He is and WHAT He has done.

CONFESS your sin related to individuals whose value you may look down on or those you feel 'better than'. ASK the Lord to see in them something of value and respond in grace.

In turn, PRAY that the quality of your relationships will improve as you think and speak thoughts and words of God that are worthy of Him and esteem others better than yourself. PRAY specifically for those you may find difficult to give respect to – perhaps a husband or child!

MEDITATE on passages that unveil God's HEART to us so you will learn HOW you can best model His heart before believers and unbelievers. PRAY for those who you find difficult to respect and choose to value them because God has assigned them worth!

Isaiah 6 (NASB)

Isaiah's Vision

6 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory.”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

⁵ Then I said,

*“Woe is me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I live among a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth *with it* and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”

Isaiah’s Commission

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”

Then I said, **“Here am I. Send me!”** ⁹

He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive;
Keep on looking, but do not understand.’
¹⁰ “Render the hearts of this people insensitive,
Their ears dull,
And their eyes dim,
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
Hear with their ears,
Understand with their hearts,
And return and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “Lord, how long?” And He answered,
“Until cities are devastated *and* without inhabitant,

Houses are without people
And the land is utterly desolate,

¹² “The LORD has removed men far away,
And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³ “Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,
And it will again be *subject* to burning,
Like a terebinth or an oak
Whose stump remains when it is felled.
The holy seed is its stump.”

