



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 39	Title:	How Do You Worship?
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Summary of Chapter	The final part in the construction of the Tabernacle for the worship of God involved the making of the priestly garments. When everything was completed, Moses saw that everything was done just as the Lord had commanded it. This taught the Israelites that their worship of God must be done on God's terms, not their own.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>⁴³ Then Moses inspected all their work. When he found it had been done just as the Lord had commanded him, he blessed them.</i>	<p>God expected the Tabernacle to be built according to the exact specifications He gave. The Israelites obeyed strictly because they feared the Lord. They approached God with a posture of deep reverence. That is something we must learn too – that we must worship God on His terms. The fear of the Lord for believers is not about being afraid of being punished for our sins but reverence, awe and a deep respect</p> <p>To understand the fear of God, we can look at the relationship between parents and children. I strongly believe that children need to have a healthy 'fear' of or deep respect for their parents. For me, I love to play with my girls, joke and laugh with them. But when they cross the line and do something naughty or dangerous, I will not hesitate to be stern with them. At times, I had to raise my voice a little to get their attention. I firmly asserted my will because I did not want them to learn the wrong values, get into trouble, or injure themselves. That deep respect they have for me will drive them to obey me.</p> <p>In the same way, God wants us to have the fear of the Lord in our hearts so that we will be careful to obey Him of God. Whenever we approach God in prayer, we must give Him our full attention and go to Him with a sincere heart. When we read His Word, we take it seriously – honestly desiring to obey it, submit to it and to know Him deeper. Whatever we do, we give it our best as working for the Lord, like in the construction of the Tabernacle. If there is sin in our lives, we choose to turn away from it right now. That is how we ought to live a life of worship daily.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Why does God want us to fear Him? What does it mean to walk in the fear of the Lord? How does holy fear change the way we work, study, talk, think, spend money, and attend Sunday services?
Youth:	How do you speak to someone you respect very deeply? How do you treat the words spoken to you by that person? If we are to fear God, how should we approach His Word whenever we read it?
Child:	Why are your parents sometimes very strict on you? What happens if you do not obey them? (Think consequences – get hurt, get into trouble, get lost, etc.) God can be very strict on us too, but it is because He loves us.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear Heavenly Father, please put the fear of God in my heart so that I will do just as you have commanded me. May I learn to approach you with a posture of deep reverence and awe.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.