

Guarding My Steps
Ecc.5:1-7; Jn.4:19-26; Rom.5:6-8

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 In certain places, we need to take particular care to where we step
- 0.2 A brief conversation between criminals...and watching oneself

1.0 What Reverence Involves

- 1.1 Deep respect & honor for someone or something
- 1.2 For God, feeling *and* showing recognition for everything that makes him unique
- 1.3 Unexpected individuals for reverence: a prostitute (Heb.11:31), demons (Jas.2:19), social outcasts (Lk.19:9) – even rocks (Matt.3:9)
- 1.4 Surely, then, believers too – yes?

2.0 Things Worthy of Reverence

- 2.1 Aseity (self-existence)
- 2.2 Immortality/eternity
- 2.3 Majesty
- 2.4 Unflinching holiness
- 2.5 Omnipotence (all powerful)
- 2.6 Omniscience (all knowing)
- 2.7 Omnipresence (everywhere present)
- 2.8 Inscrutable (impossible to be completely understood)

3.0 Cosmic Irony

- 3.1 *This* God made great and small
- 3.2 *This* God ‘bends his ear’ to the smallest & lowest
- 3.3 *This* God bears with the weak, immature, inconsistent & pathetic
- 3.4 *This* God participated in the mess, when he sent his own Son
- 3.5 *This* God loves what he has created, even in its twisted state (Rom.5:6-8)

4.0 For Us Today

- 4.1 How has all this left you feeling right now?

- 4.2 How do you *express* your reverence to God?

Next week (June 27):
Morning: Thank God for Wealth, But... - Ecc.5:8-20; 7:11-12
Evening: Thank God for Wisdom, But... - Ecc.9:10-18