Showing Reverence to God

Dear Daily Devotional Reader,

I Timothy 2:8: I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Ephesians 3:14,15: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Philippians 2:9, 10: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

You couldn’t teach on prayer and do it justice without teaching on bowing our knees and lifting our hands before God in prayer. The only One we are to bow to and lift our hands to in worship is God. It’s something that all of us need to do, and we need to do it every day. We need to spend time each day on our knees, lifting our hands to God in prayer. It is the way we approach God reverently and humbly. Do this before you ask anything for yourself or for anyone else, and you will begin to build your worship life. Once you begin to do it, you will carry it throughout your Christian life. It is something that ministers are not teaching the people to do today. Granted, it may occur on some occasions, but definitely not enough.

We have had all kinds of meetings that we call "worship and praise," but we’ve totally gotten away from getting on our knees before God in prayer. Probably one of the reasons is that we don’t do it in our public meetings as we should. This is because it makes people feel uncomfortable. It is devastating to pride and ego to publically get on our knees and lift up our hands in worship to God. But, we have a lot to be thankful for, and our Father God needs to hear and see each of us individually, as well as all of us collectively, bow our knees and lift our hands before Him in prayer. He needs to
hear us, with our own mouth, from our own heart, tell Him how much we love Him and appreciate Him.

This is how we approach God reverently and humbly. It is a sign of total surrender, and signifies the showing of gratitude, highest respect and honor. All of this does not even touch the benefits we receive from worshiping God this way. It just starts with each of us doing it in our own home, in our prayer closet, privately, and builds from there. Once we begin to do it, we carry it through our Christian life. The world sings; it laughs and claps; the world has music, dancing and shouting; but the world does not bow its knees, or lift its hands. That is one of the significant things that separates us from the world-the way we worship our God.

Always remember that what you do to God in private, He always rewards you openly (Matthew 6:4) There’s really nothing wrong with people seeing us bow our knees – it is a witness to the world that will come back to them someday. It is the way that we show God that we aren’t ashamed to worship Him, and as long as we do it with the right intent, we’re doing it because we love God. We are not doing it to be seen of man. Who cares who sees us bow our knees before God?

You never know what it may do to someone else in the long run, because one day something will come into their life and they’ll be in an emergency situation. Then, this mental picture will flash back to them -- a picture of what they saw someone else do. Don’t you tell me that things like this don’t come back to you, because no matter how strong, self-

centered and confident you are as a human being, there’s a day that comes to everyone’s life in which they need a miracle from God, because they finally encountered something bigger than them.

So, I want to encourage you to take the time tonight, just before you go to bed, or any time during the day, and find a place that you can bow on your knees and lift your hands up and thank God that you can bow your knees and lift your hands unto Him.
Thank the Lord that He’s been so good to you and for whatever else is on your heart. And, tomorrow morning, do the same thing as soon as you get out of bed; let that be the first priority. Thank God on your knees and with holy hands raised up that He saved you, forgave you of your sins and tell Him that you love Him more than anyone else. And together, we’ll help bring the glory, respect and honor back into the church as we reverence and honor God, bowing on our knees and lifting our hands, for the scripture says, every knee shall bow!

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow.

**Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers** (3 John 2).

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