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A Response to God

The Milky Way

- 200 to 400 billion stars & 100 billion planets
- 100,000 light years in diameter
- 1,000 light years thick

“if the Solar System out to Neptune were the size of a quarter, the Milky Way would be approximately the size of the contiguous United States.”

*“For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.”*

-Psalm 33:9

6.6 billion
inhabitants

*“But the very hairs
of your head are all
numbered.”*

-Mt. 10:30



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God is to be **Feared**:

“and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.” (Rev. 14:7)

- **FEAR** – “to fear, be afraid, to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm, to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience” – THAYER
- In all things, God is to be feared and revered

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We must be **careful** before God:

“And the anger of the Lord burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.” (2 Sam. 6:7)

- **Irreverence** – root “to be negligent”, “a fault, error”
- “*for his hastiness*” – Brown-Driver-Briggs

“By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored.” (Lev. 10:3)

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*“A God greatly feared in the council of
the holy ones,*

*And awesome above all those who are
around Him?”*

(Psalm 89:7)

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*“The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble;
He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the
earth shake!

The Lord is great in Zion,
And He is exalted above all the peoples.
Let them praise Your great and awesome name;
Holy is He.”*

(Psalm 99:1-3)

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*“He has sent redemption to His people;
He has ordained His covenant forever;
Holy and awesome is His name.”*

(Psalm 111:9)

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A Response to **God**:

- **Reverence** is being in awe when “looking” upon God
- **Reverence** cannot be reduced to a single emotion
- **Reverence** permeates our very being
- **Reverence** will change us at our core
 - Everything about us, from our worship to our personal relationships, will take on a different meaning
- **Reverence** begins when we truly “see” God on His throne

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As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

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By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, “In Isaac your descendants shall be called.” He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

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For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

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Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

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Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

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An **Observable** Response to God:

- How we dress
 - 1 Timothy 2:9-10
- How we speak
 - Matthew 6:9
- How we worship
 - Hebrews 12:28

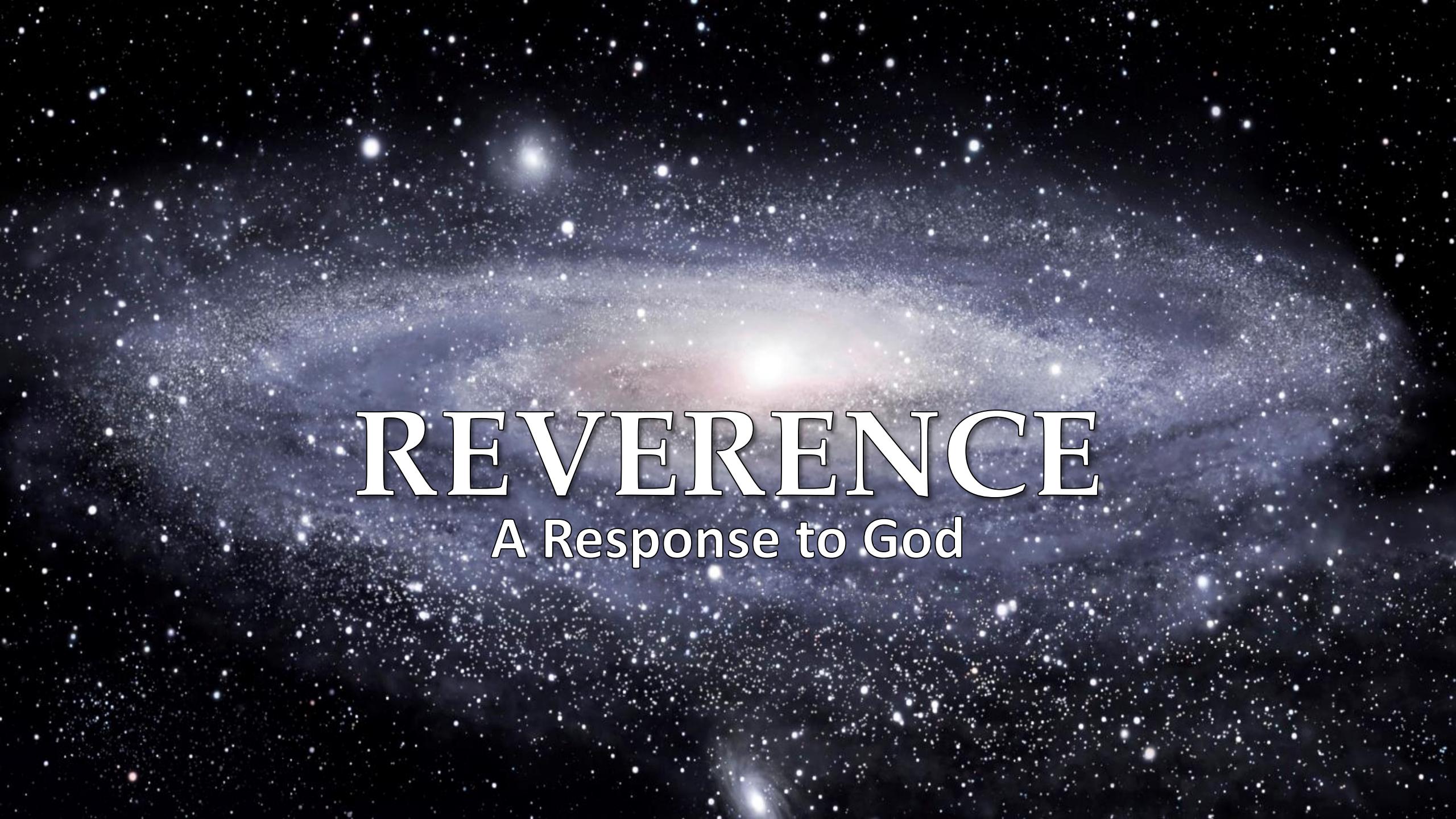
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An **Observable** Response to God's:

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- **Power**
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Reverence is the response of one that is genuinely thankful to **God**.



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