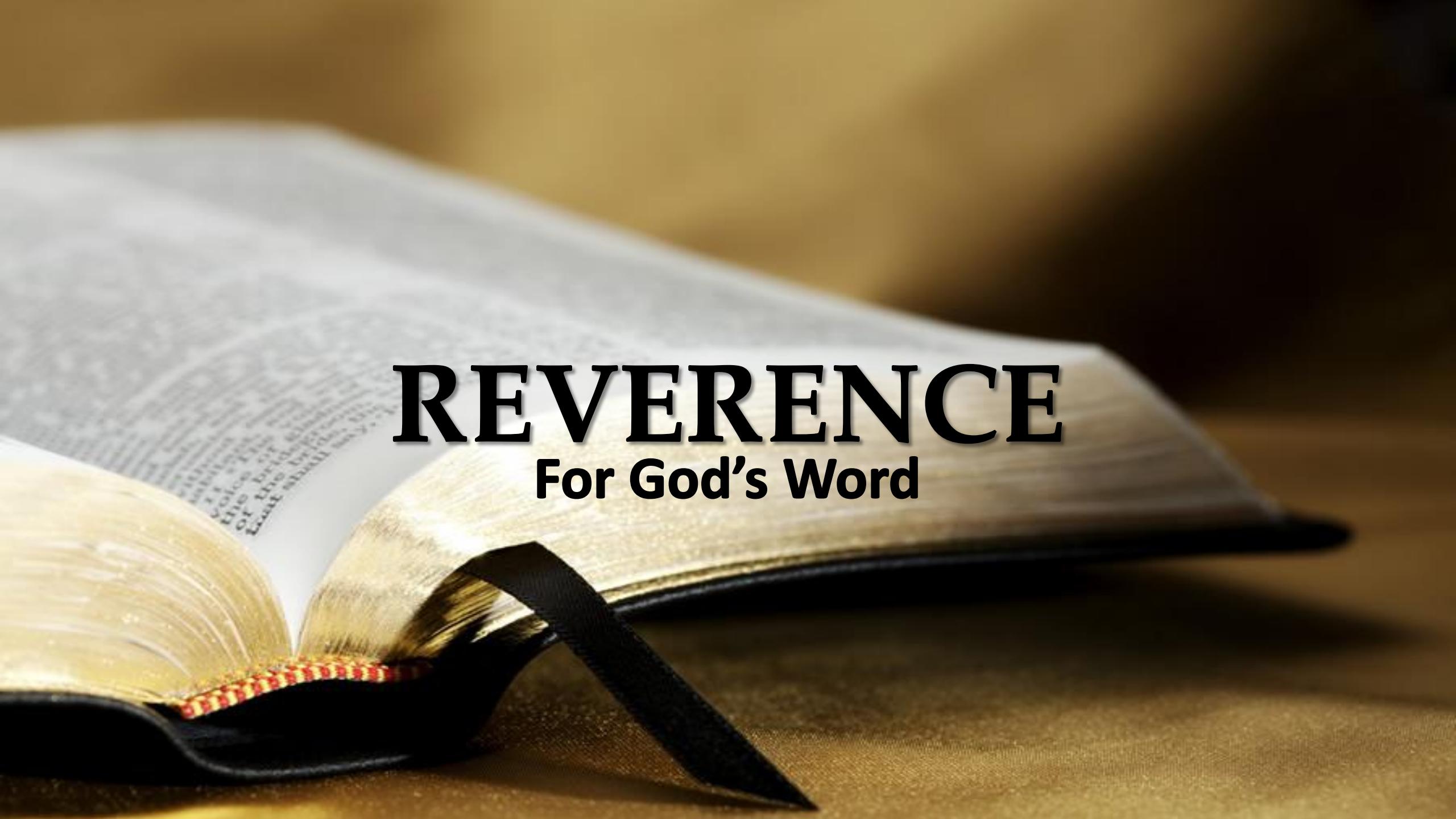


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- His word is as exalted as His name (Ps. 138:2)
 - “*I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*” (ESV)
 - commandment, speech, word [Strong’s].
 - “... *magnified thy word above all thy name.*” - KJV
 - “... *are backed by all the honor of your name.*” - NLT
 - Reverence for God means reverence for His word

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- **Those that reverence God respect His word**
 - Josiah (2 Kings 22:11-13; 2 Kings 23:2-3, 21)
 - Ezra and the people (Neh. 8)
 - Cornelius (Acts 10:33)
 - *“So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”*
 - *“All that the Lord has spoken we will do!”* (Ex. 19:8)

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- **God expects His people to reverence His word**
 - The Bible uses “*thus saith the Lord*” 246 times
 - God chose to communicate with us through His word and holds us accountable to His word (Ezek. 2:3-5)
 - God’s word is His message to humanity
 - Whether we will listen or not
 - We see reverence for God’s word...
 - from the apostles... (Luke 5:5)
 - in the epistles... (2 Cor. 6:17)

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- Regarded and respected (1 Tim. 4:7)
- *godliness* – respect, piety, reverence toward God
- The Bible is not a fable (gr.- *mýthos*)
 - “an idle tale, fable, fanciful story.” [Strong’s]
 - Its lessons are meant to be learned and applied
- Not to be treated irreverent (ESV)/profane (KJV)
 - by implication unhallowed, common
 - literally, "crossing a threshold"

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“Most words today are “plastic.” Molded to mean whatever one wishes for them to mean. Thus to most people there is no language of truth.”

– L.A. Stauffer

- We are not “most people”
 - *Your word is truth.* – John 17:17

Those who redefine, redesign, or reject God’s word have no respect or reverence for God!

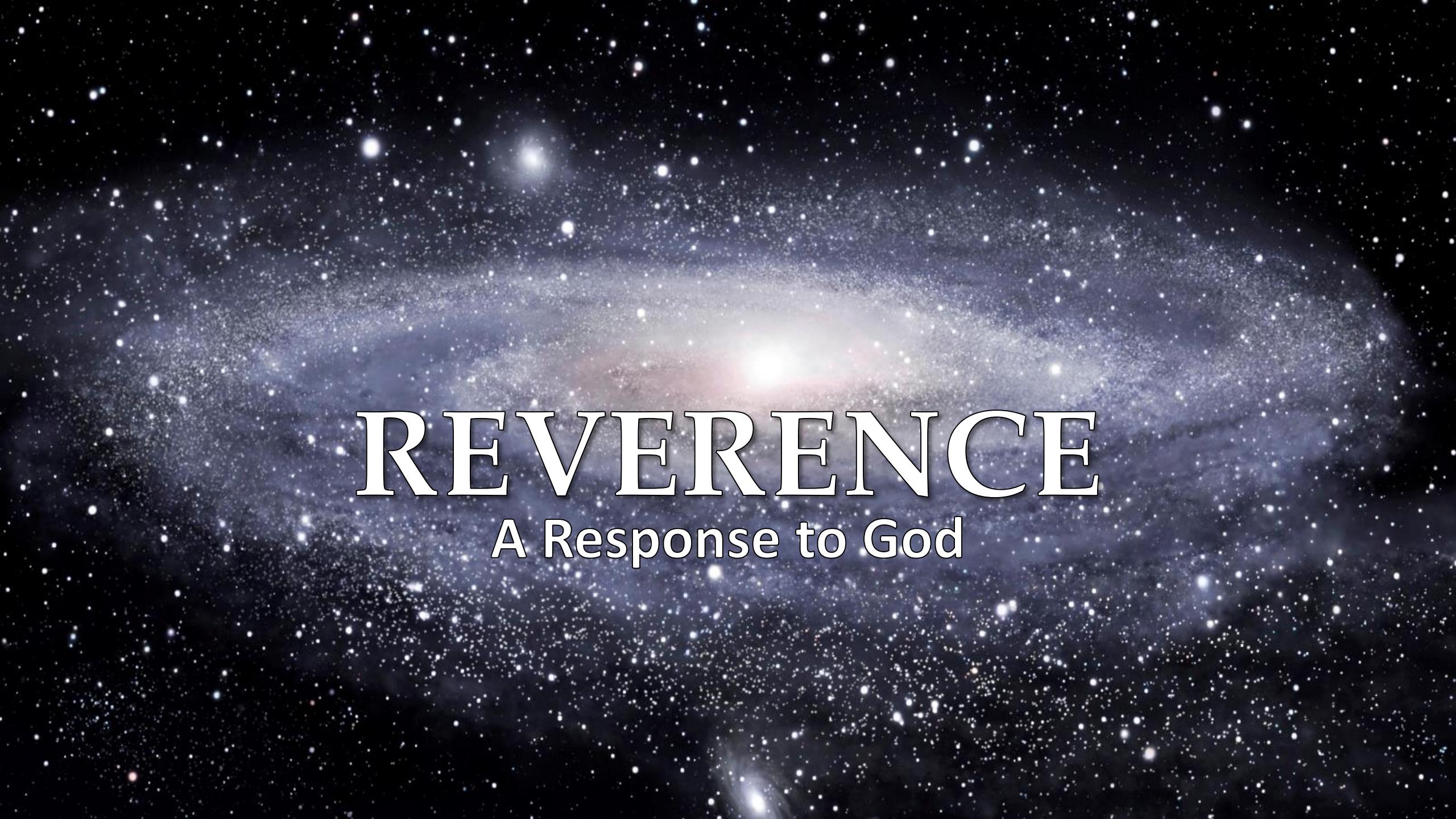
- Rom. 1:18, 2 Tim 3:8

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- Our best effort to know and apply His word
- We will be diligent to get it right (2 Tim. 2:15)
- We won't apologize for what it says (Rom. 1:16)
- We will pay attention to it (1 Pet. 1:19)
- Reverence for God's word will prevent us from becoming "threshold walkers"

"Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it." -Deut. 12:32

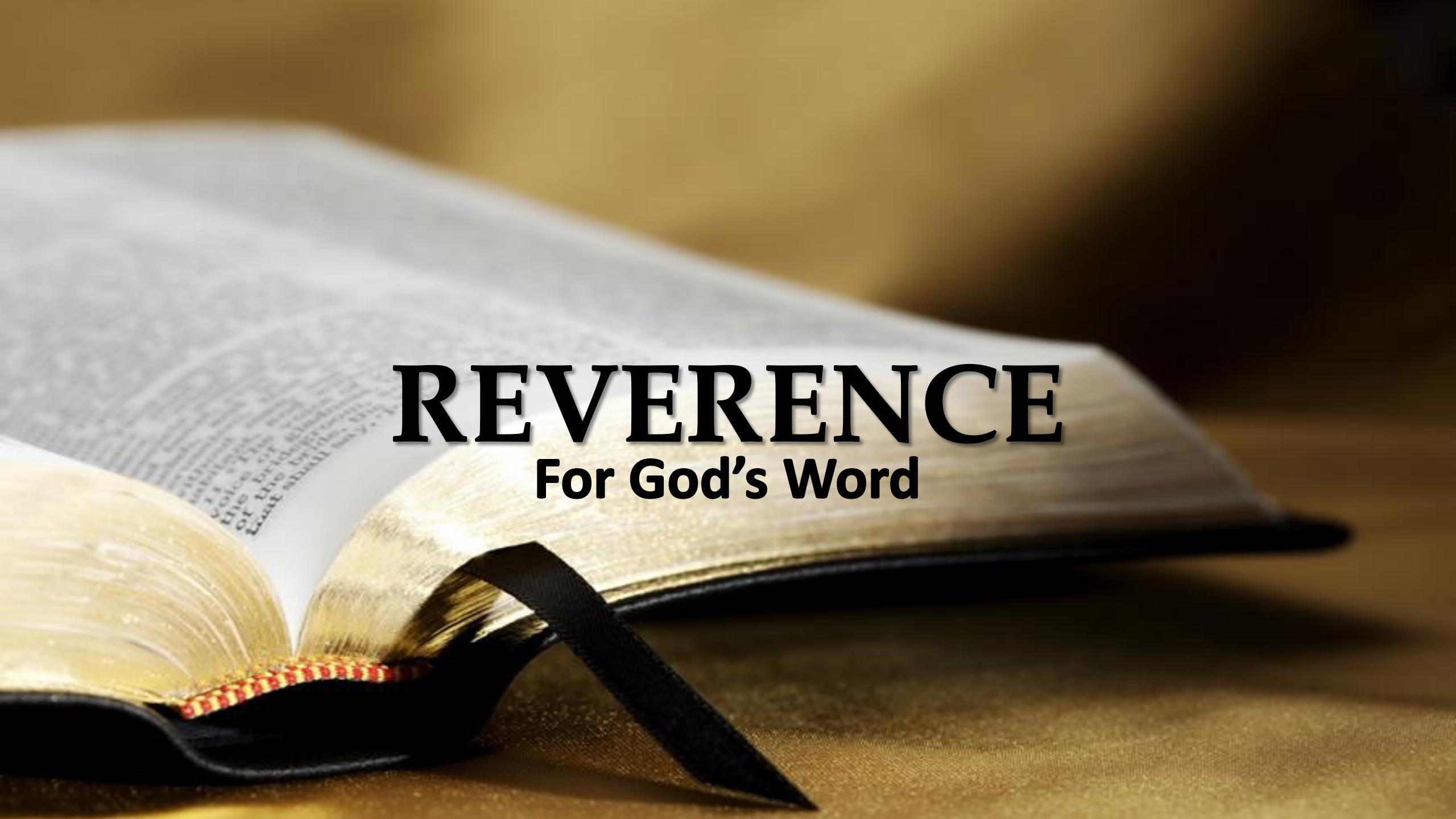


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