



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Have you ever thought that many treat their family or dear friends with great love and respect, yet they don't treat God in that way? You hear many speak of trying to live what we call the 'golden rule': ***"Treat others the same way you want them to treat you."*** Many extend this to others around, what about to God?

We take opportunities to recognize and appreciate people and thank them when something helpful is extended or a meaningful accomplishment. How often do we do the same to our Heavenly Father from whom we receive ALL blessings on this earth? ***"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."*** (James 1:17)

Why do so many treat the Lord God Almighty with disrespect by using His name in derogatory ways in our speech? We don't do that with those we love on earth.

The first day of the week (Sunday) is our day off and we want to sleep in or have a fun adventure. No real desire within us to assemble in His name to honor Him for the gift of His Son on our behalf for eternity. But entertainment, now that gets our attention, and we jump at that. ***"...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power."*** (II Timothy 3:4-5)

God is greater than ANY human being on earth that has ever lived or will ever live, yet He is treated with such dishonor and contempt. Maybe the real question needs to be asked: *If God treated you the way you treat Him, what would that outcome be?* Think about it!!!

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