“Reverence for the Father of (Our) Spirits”
Heb. 12:7-10

Introduction:
A. Human fathers deserve and receive our love and reverence – even as they discipline us.
   1. Our own fathers.
   2. Our proxy fathers (cf. Mark 10:29-30)
B. How much does the Father of our spirits deserve our love and reverence?
C. We need to understand why and how we love and revere the “Father of (our) spirits.”

Discussion:
I. We Love and Revere Him Because He First Loved us (1 John 4:19)
A. Enough to make us free agents (Deut. 30:15-20)
B. Enough to give his son for us (1 John 4:9-10)
C. Enough to delay the world’s destruction (2 Pet. 3:1-18)
D. Enough to discipline us (Heb. 12:3-11)
   1. By His providence.
   2. By His precepts (1 Cor. 5)
II. We Love and Revere Him by Doing His Will (1 John 3:18-24; 5:1-3)
A. In order to be saved (Heb. 5:8,9)
B. In all things (2 Cor. 2:9; cf. Jas. 2:10)
   1. In primary obedience to the gospel (Matt. 28-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38)
   2. In follow-up obedience to the gospel (Phil. 2:12; Gal. 3:1; 5:7)
C. In all places and times (Phil. 2:12, 13)
   1. At Home
   2. On Vacation
   3. At work, play, etc.

Conclusion:
A. The Father of our spirits has done so much for us.
B. The Father of our spirits has invited us to partake of all spiritual blessings.
C. The Father of our spirits will not allow us to show irreverence or disrespect (cf Matt. 22:1-14)