

Essentials of the Faith

Nature of God: Holy and Sovereign

If we were to encounter the full presence of God right now, we would be immediately aware of our sinfulness, in light of His holiness.

1. Our God is Holy

- a. One aspect of God's holiness is His majesty
- b. Another aspect of God's holiness is His purity

2. Our God is Sovereign

- a. Sovereignty speaks of His supremacy
- b. Sovereignty speaks of His complete control

Small Group Questions:

1. The word holy means both “set apart” and “pure”. What are some items that are “set apart” consecrated or sacred around your home? How does this help us understand what it means that God is holy?
2. Read Isaiah 6:1-7. Is the holiness of God (His majesty and purity) scary? Why or why not?
3. God’s sovereignty includes both His supremacy and His complete control. Are either of these difficult for you to believe? Are either difficult for you to trust?
4. Where have you encountered God’s sovereignty on display? Where have you found yourself wondering about His sovereignty?
5. Pastor Eric made the point that the sovereignty of God should comfort us. Why is this true?
6. How do these attributes of God distinguish the Christian God from “deities”?
7. How do these attributes of God undergird the gospel itself?

For Further Study and Reflection:

- *Knowledge of the Holy* by AW Tozer
- *Life’s Biggest Questions* by Erik Thoennes
- *Rediscovering Holiness* by JI Packer
- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J.I. Packer
- *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges
- *Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility* by D.A. Carson