



Holy, Holy, Holy!

The Language of Holiness

- Greek & Hebrew → “to be set apart or to set something apart”
- Variety of things are called holy: e.g., places, utensils, robes, individuals, whole nations.
- Common denominator = separation.

The Facets of His Holiness

- Transcendent in Majesty
 - Ex. 15:11 - "Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?"
 - 1 Sam. 2:2 - "There is no one holy like the LORD. Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God."
 - Is. 8:13 - "It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread."
 - Is. 57:15 - "Thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit."
 - Hosea 11:9 - I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst
 - Luke 1:49 - "The Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name."
 - Rev. 4:8 - The four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."
 - Is. 6:1-4

The Facets of His Holiness

- Transcendent in Moral Purity
 - Ps. 5:4-6 - You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity. 6 You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
 - Ps. 7:11 - God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.
 - Ps. 11:5-7 - The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. 7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.
 - Hab. 1:13 - Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness with favor
 - Jam. 1:13 - Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.
 - 1 John 1:5 - This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that

The Implications of His Majesty

- Never take God lightly; always treat him with respect (Lev. 10:1-3; Eccles. 5:1-7).
- Determine to worship God and to exalt Him in your thinking (Ps. 50:21; 99:1-9).
- Develop a humble, contrite heart before God (Is. 57:15; 66:1-2; cf. Micah 6:8).

The Implications of His Purity

- Never forget that God's holiness demands that He punish sin (Rom. 1:18; Ps. 22:1, 3).
- Always remember that God requires a sacrifice to forgive sin (Heb. 9:22).
- Pursue personal holiness!

Pursue Personal Holiness!

- Why?
 - It's God's purpose in saving us (Eph. 1:4; 5:25-27; 1 Thess. 4:7).
 - It's required for fellowship (Ps. 15; 24:3-4; 2 Cor. 6:17-18).
 - Without it we will never see the Lord (Heb. 12:14).
 - It's commanded (Lev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:15-16).

Pursue Personal Holiness!

- How?
 - Confess and repent of our sin (Is. 6:5; 1 John 1:5-10).
 - Cultivate a fear of God (2 Cor. 7:1).
 - Be in the Scripture (John 17:17).
 - Pray for holiness (1 Thess. 5:23).
 - Learn from God's discipline (Heb. 12:10).
 - Contemplate Christ's return (2 Pet. 3:10-14; 1 John 3:3).