



GOD | CREDO SERIES

STUDY GUIDE | JEFF GOKEE | SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

SERMON SUMMARY

In a polytheistic society, the Bible, and the whole of creation, affirms that God is God, and we are not. The holiness of God is both terrifying and beautiful. Until we understand both aspects of His nature, we will not know Him. When we finally come to understand who God is, it effects what we do, and how we live. Not only is God 'Holy Holy Holy', all powerful, all knowing, all present... He is near. He is inviting us to taste and see that He is good. And when we do, it will transform our lives, and the lives around us.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**That is, the true Christian church, of all times, and all places.*

“Everything that can be said about God the Father can be said about God the Son. In Jesus dwells all the wisdom, glory, power, love, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth of the Father. In Him, God the Father is known.” (James Montgomery Boice)

SCRIPTURE READING

READ THIS WEEK'S BIBLE PASSAGES: Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 6:1-6; John 1:1; John 1:14 (ESV)

The Creation of the World

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. – Genesis 1:1-2

Isaiah's Vision of the Lord

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2** Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. – Isaiah 6:1-6

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. – John 1:1

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

BIBLE PASSAGE QUESTIONS

What stood out to you in these passages? Did the Lord highlight anything to you?

Read these passages again (use a different translation if helpful). What do we learn about the heart of God from these passages?

DISCUSSION

DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS WITH YOUR GROUP

1. Who do you believe God is?
2. What struggles do you have with God?
3. How have you sensed His presence in your life?

PRAYER

Take some time for prayer requests and pray over one another before wrapping up.