



QUOTE from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

“There is only one living and true God. He is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit. God is holy in all his purposes, in all his works, and in all his commands. He is due whatever worship, service and obedience he is pleased to require from angels, people, and every other creature.”

SCRIPTURE ON GOD’S HOLINESS

Exodus 15:11

Leviticus 19:2

1 Samuel 2:2

Job 6:10

Psalms 22:3; 71:22; 77:13; 89:35; 99:5

Isaiah 5:16; 6:3; 40:25; 43:15; 57:15

Amos 4:2

Habakkuk 1:13

Luke 1:49

John 17:11

1 Peter 1:15-16

Revelation 4:8; 15:4

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOLINESS?

Jason says, “God’s holiness means that He is unlike any other being in the universe. He is distinct, separate, and unique from all of creation. In fact, God is Creator, and He is sinless. These are just two evidences that Holy God is worthy of our worship and service.”

Do you agree with Jason? How would you explain holiness (and God’s holiness) to someone?

Bianca says, “I agree with Jason, and I would add that we are created in the image of God, which simply means we are like him. Therefore, we, unlike any other part of creation can know and understand God in a personal way.”

Do you agree with Bianca? How can sinners have a personal relationship with Holy God?

Damion says, “Part of having a personal relationship with God is living like Him. I believe God wants Christians to live holy lives. Furthermore, I believe that this is possible due to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.”

Do you agree with Damion? What does it look like to live a holy life before God?

Rosa says, “I wholeheartedly embrace the idea that I am created in God’s image, and I have the Holy Spirit living inside me. This actually gives me great comfort when circumstances arise that don’t make sense to me. I trust that God’s way is going to be in line with my understanding. I’m so thankful for my relationship with Him.”

Do you agree with Rosa? How does God’s holiness help us to deal with difficult circumstances and trials?

Lorraine says, “I can’t read the Bible without seeing God’s holiness and my sinfulness. I am humbled and in awe at both of these realities. I’m grateful for the opportunity to worship Him at church, but I realize that because of God’s holiness, I can’t represent Him the way that I should. That’s one major reason I don’t serve in the church.”

Do you agree with Lorraine? What comfort can we take from the holiness of God?

APPLICATION: WEeping AND REJOICING

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“Weep! Your Lord is holy. Don’t stop rejoicing! Your Lord is holy. Live the life of a sad celebrant. Mourn the ways that you are far from the holy goal that God has set for you, while you rejoice in the potential you now have to be what you could have never dreamed if this Holy One had not met you with his heart- and life-transforming grace. May your tears mix with joy until you are on the other side with him and like him forever and ever.”