

CLEARING THE FOG

BELIEFS MATTER

"CLEARING THE FOG" WEEK 4 NOTES JUNE 11

KEY THOUGHTS

- Jesus would repeat what He was saying to emphasize the importance "Truly, truly I say unto you" That's like the captain of a ship getting on the intercom and saying, Now hear this. This is the captain speaking. When Jesus repeated something by saying it twice, He was underscoring its importance nowhere else in scripture do we get a triple attribute of God repeated Holy, holy, holy – not mercy, mercy, mercy – love, love, love or justice, justice, justice.
 - The heavens are telling the glory of God psalm 19:1. What does that mean? It means he is shouting at us. He shouts with clouds. He shouts with blue skies He shouts with beautiful mountain ranges and oceans. He shouts with galaxies and stars. He is shouting, I am glorious. Open your eyes. It is like this — only better if you know me.
 - The doorposts, the thresholds of the temple itself shook and began to tremble. Inanimate, lifeless, parts of creation in the presence of the of the holiness of God had the good sense to be moved. How can we, made in His image, be indifferent or unresponsive to His majesty?
 - Holy- God is in a class by himself. He has infinite perfections, infinite greatness, and infinite worth.
 - His holiness is what He is, as God, that nobody else is. It is his quality of perfection that can't be improved upon, that can't be imitated, that is incomparable, that determines all that He is and is determined by nothing from outside him. It signifies his infinite worth, immeasurable value.
 - "Life is hard. It's harder when you're stupid." John Wayne Let's flip that statement around into something positive: "Life is hard, but it's easier when you have God's wisdom."
 - If we can put aside our pride, we will see this truth in our own circumstances.
 - His ways are not my way- His ways are always right but do I trust Him?
 - "True wisdom cannot be grasped by those who are unsaved, by those who do not have the Spirit of God dwelling within them illuminating the truth of the Scriptures so they can know the deep things of God. True wisdom speaks of things which pertain to a future age and of things which no man has ever seen, or heard, or is even able to imagine. The only way this kind of wisdom can be known is for men to trust in Jesus Christ so that their spiritual eyes may be opened to see the wonders of the wisdom of God and the world to come." (Bob Deffinbaugh)
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- **CLARITY:** God is infinitely Holy and Wise
 - **IDENTITY:** We on our own are not holy or wise, but when Gods Holiness and wisdom He shines through us we display His glory.
 - **RESPONSIBILITY:** Seek Wisdom – trust God

SCRIPTURES

- Psalm 19:1
- Exodus 34:30
- Romans 11:33
- Isaiah 55:8
- Psalm 147:5
- Proverbs 2:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-8
- Proverbs 3:19
- Job 42
- James 1:5
- Proverbs 3:5-6

Practical & Reflection

- Where do I need to seek God's wisdom instead of my own?
- How can I place God's holiness as a central focus of my life?