



"Holiness"
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Big Idea: Be submerged in God's holiness, because it is both majestic and transforming for the believer.

A. God's _____ Holiness
(Psalm 71:22b)

1. God Is Devoted to His Own _____ and _____
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a. The shekinah glory of God: awakens in people a sense of "absolute nothingness." Some have called this "awful majesty"²

Exodus 15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness"

Isaiah 6:3 "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

2. His Majestic Holiness is _____
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3. His Majestic Holiness is _____
(Psalm 78:41)

- **Important Concept:** This is the part of God's holiness that is not communicated to us.

B. God's _____ Holiness (also called his ethical holiness)

- **Practical Holiness = God's separation from sin, wickedness, and evil in that everything he is and does is not contaminated by sin.**
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Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to the, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy."

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C. God's _____ of Holiness
(Psalm 11:4; 15:1; 134:2)

- **Observation:** Qodesh (adjective) in the book of Psalms is primarily used to describe a location where God dwells in his holiness.
- **Observation:** Second, it describes God himself as holy
(Psalm 28:2)

1. In the Old Covenant God Dwelled Within _____

a. The Tabernacle

b. The Temple

2. In the New Covenant God Dwells Within the _____ of His People
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Philippians 1:20)

D. The Holiness of God at the _____

1. God acted in holiness to _____ sinners at the cross

Isaiah 47:4 "Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name—is the Holy One of Israel"

Mark 1:24 "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God."

2. God acted in holiness to _____ sin at the cross

Colossians 2:13-14 "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

E. Practical Suggestions To Be _____ In God's Holiness

1. Read the parts of the Bible that may frighten you

- a. Isaiah 6 (Isaiah's encounter with God)**
- b. Ezekiel 1 (Ezekiel's encounter with God)**
- c. Revelation 1 (John's encounter with Jesus)**

2. Sit in silence reflecting on the sinful depths of your heart

Isaiah 6:5 "And I said: 'woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I swell in the idst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.'"

3. Rejoice in the forgiveness you have in Christ
(Romans 4:7)

Revelations 1:17-18 "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as through dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and hades.'"

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