

**Title: Triple Time!**

So we are talking about the 90's. Here is a summary of the top news stories and history events that happened in 1999:

The world braced for computer chaos as the year 2000 approached. Would computer systems crash when the calendar switched over to 2000? Fortunately, 1999 passed into history "with barely a whimper. A few glitches were reported here and there, but nothing catastrophic occurred."

On January 7, the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton began in the U.S. Senate. On February 12, Clinton was acquitted of perjury and obstruction of justice.

PayPal—one of the most widely used online payment platforms—was viewed as one of the ten worst business ideas of 1999.

In the year 1999, the words bling, blog, blogger, blogosphere, clickbait, e-reader, e-scooter, e-waste, metabolomics, OPS, texting, thermobaric, and vape all appeared in print for the first time.

The euro became the official currency for 12 European nations—Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.

Until the year 1999, Montana didn't have a speed limit on the interstate, and encouraged drivers instead to be "reasonable and prudent."

*Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace* was the most popular film, and *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* was the top TV show.

The crime drama *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* premiered on NBC. Created by Dick Wolf, the show starred Mariska Hargitay and Christopher Meloni.

Here are some sports facts from 1999: The Denver Broncos were the Super Bowl champs, the New York Yankees won the World Series, and the Dallas Stars clinched the Stanley Cup.

In 1999, Internet search engines included Excite, Yahoo!, WebCrawler, MetaCrawler, Lycos, Infoseek, HotBot, Dogpile, MSN Search (now Bing), AOL Search, Netscape Search, AltaVista, Inktomi, Ask Jeeves (now Ask.com),

Google, and Overture. Today, nearly 97% of all web searches are done on Google (92.37%), Bing (2.37%), and Yahoo! (2.25%).

## Psalm 99

This is part of the “Kingly” or “Royal” psalms. The royal psalms are in the 90’s. They all talk about how God is the King. Please remember during this message that will be a massive talking point. Not how David was the king, but how God is capital “K” king.

This scripture is split into 3 sections. God is divided into 3 parts, we are divided into 3 parts. This is a perfect example of God’s perfection.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines holiness as being “exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness.” The original words meaning holy are qadosh in Hebrew and hagios in Greek. These words mean to be set apart, sacred, and sanctified.

Pray.

Point 1: Qadosh/ Kadosh

Let’s look at the scripture.

## Psalm 99

**1 The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. 2 Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. 3** Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.

**4 The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. 5 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

**6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord, and he answered them. 7** He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

**8 Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. 9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

In Jewish tradition, the number “three” means [completeness and stability](#). The hymn *holy, holy, holy* is known as Trisagion (Greek, meaning: Thrice Holy) referring to the triune nature of God. The message was conveyed to Isaiah by [seraphim](#) (angelic beings associated with light and purity, whose name means “burning ones”) and to John by

cherubim (angelic beings with four faces like a lion, ox, man, and eagle, who also appeared to Ezekiel).

So what does it mean that God is “holy, holy, holy?” This phrase appears once in the Old Testament (Isaiah 6:3) and once in the New (Revelation 4:8). Both times it occurs in the vision of a man who catches a glimpse of the throne room of God: first by the prophet Isaiah and then by the apostle John.

A double repetition signifies an emphasis on the word. A triple repetition designates a superlative and calls to our attention the infinite holiness of God. It must not be lost upon us this is the only characteristic of God that is repeated three times.

Isaiah claimed to be a man of unclean lips! How many of us would need a seraphim to touch our lips with coal? Little white lies? Coal time! Mean comments? Coal time! Mean jokes? Coal time!

Profanity? Coal time. Don't shut me off yet! Smith Wigglesworth quote, “I find nothing in the Bible but holiness, and nothing in the world but worldliness. Therefore, If I live in the world, I will become worldly, on the other hand, if I live in the Bible, I will become holy.”

Derek Kidner quote, “Holy is a word to emphasize the distance between God and man: not only morally, as between the pure and the polluted, but in the realm of being, between the eternal and the creaturely.”

**We cannot have blessings and curses come from the same mouth. Matthew 15:10-11 says, “Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” James 3:10, “From the same mouth come blessings, and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”**

So my first point has to do with the past! Kadosh is Hebrew. Psalm is in the old testament. Just so you know that the Bible has to have the new and Old Testament. Christ didn't come to eradicate the Old Testament. Jesus quoted the Old Testament often.

See we all have a past. We need to let Christ sanctify us from that past. That past was a test! Let Jesus make that test a testimony. The only way that that is possible would be for you to get passed the past. If we are to be like Christ... Holy then you need to understand what “Kadosh” means. It's Hebrew for “set apart for a specific purpose.”

God is holy. He is the reason we are set apart. So when we are following God closely then we will also end up being Kadosh. How inspiring is it to know that Christ has a purpose for me! Understand that my old self, has led me to where I am. All the issues that I dealt with helped me understand what other peoples tests entail. When you feel like giving up, know that your test has been passed by others. Don't give up. Find someone that has passed that test. Find someone with the old testimony answers. Use the people to help you. Don't abuse them.

Psalm 99: 1-3

**1 The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. 2 Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.**

Do you realize that every knee will bow? I believe that every knee bowing at the same time will cause the earth to shake. Imagine that... I will bow in worship. True Christians will be super joyous while nonbelievers will fall in sadness at the realization that Jesus is the true Messiah. This section is lifting God up. Just in the first part, "The Lord reigns," we see a part that we can really love. God our savior is in control. That in itself is worth a full sermon. There will be no place on the earth that will not be speaking the name.

Really we don't have the ability to actually lift him up. Our words can never truly pick him up or let him down. This goes to the point of his desire to have us, not that he needs us... he wants us. He wants you! Bow the knee. In verse 3 "Let them praise your great and awesome name." Who is them? Well, easy question! You! You are the them in verse 3. All the nations are the them. I am a them also! Wow this english is horrible. The whole earth being shaken by us! All humanity worships and exalts the only one that is worthy, the only one that is "HOLY." How crazy will that be?

Look at the last 3 words in that verse. "He is holy". God is holy. God is set apart. The more you read about Jesus the more you have to agree with verse 3... "great and awesome name". Jesus is the name above any other name. Say it. Jesus.

In [Revelation 4](#), the cherubim were described as four living creatures which are believed to represent four pictures of Christ: King (lion-like), Servant (ox-like), Perfect Man (man-like), and Mighty God (eagle-like). They are a portrait of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, according to [Wilmington's Guide to the Bible](#).

The 4 cherubim Ox, Lion, Eagle, man. Cherub are types of celestial beings that many people place just lower than that of an angel. Ox is known for its massive amount of power. Lion is known for its lack of backing down and its vocalization that can carry over 5 miles at 114 decibels, (There are others that have higher decibels but most can not be heard, and also they don't travel as far if it can be heard.) Lions are fierce. Like who would really want to confront a lion in the wild... you gonna lose! Eagles are predators. They are shown as symbols of power from the USA to Rome, and even before that. Eagles have the ability to fly higher than any other birds. Eagles can see a rabbit from 3 miles away. Can you? My kids can't even see a deer from 15 feet away. Their eyesight is roughly 4-5 times better than the average human. Humans are the rulers of the animals due to their intelligence and the ability to reason on higher levels. Man is known for their significance and purpose. The message of the cherubim is that God is the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. He is almighty, transcendent, and glorious one. When he calls we should obey. God is not going to satisfy our whims he will not debase himself to "follow us." Our attitude should be one of reverence, awe, and respect. Those should be in every aspect of our lives. See these 4 creatures are talked about in Revelation 4.

**4** After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. **3** And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing.

These are the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> of God. **6** Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. **7** The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come." **9** Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: **11** "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

So my first point had to do with the past. Time for the present. God will walk with you at all times.

**Psalm 99:4-5 The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. 5 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.**

Point 2: Hagios.

Hagios is holy in Greek. Simply translated it means: sacred, pure, and worthy.

So relevant to the message. Jesus is sacred, check. Jesus is pure, check. Jesus is worthy, check. Sacred means connected to God. Last time I checked Jesus fits that perfectly. Hmmm interesting. Pure means without blemish. Well, Jesus had to be the perfect unblemished sacrifice. HHmmmmm, interesting again. Worthy means having or showing qualities that merit recognition. Jesus died! That is an important thing. He has qualities that have persevered for millenia. Hhhmmmm, interesting again. Three parts. Connect on that.

The king is mighty! Who can stand against God? No one. The creation can never truly beat the creator. The King is so powerful that nothing can stand against him. He has established equity. Don't throw your thoughts on that one. Equity means that God's judgment will be fair. No one will be judged unfairly. Everyone who does not receive mercy will receive perfect justice.

Righteousness refers to God's perfect standard, which is Himself. This is about Jesus being the Judge. As it stands Christ will judge on His standards not mine. I guarantee that heaven will be populated with people that most Christians would be surprised by. God knows! God judges.

Thank you Christ for not letting me judge. In Jacob you have done what is just and right. Well that's pretty self explanatory. A just God. A right God. A just judge. A right judge. Amen! Now verse 5 gets really interesting. Exalt the Lord, worship at his footstool. His footstool? What does that even mean? His footstool? Well, Jerusalem has been called his footstool. So worship in Jerusalem? Not necessarily. Look at some of the others. His footstool has also been acknowledged as the whole earth. So when we think about worshiping we need to remember that the whole world is His footstool. Worship when you wake up. Worship when you eat breakfast. Worship when you are getting ready for the day. Worship while you are at work. The possibilities are endless. So worship. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18— 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Rejoicing is a form of worship. Praying is a form of worship. Giving thanks is a form of worship. Oh man!!! This is God's will!

And how does this section end? The last three words are vitally important. "He is holy." He is Hagios. In our lives we need to be pure now. We need to be holy now. We need to be sacred now. Are we so enamored with ourselves that we can no longer attempt holiness? Christ's blood makes us holy. But we can dilute that power. If we don't believe, that power is diminished in our lives. The faith of a mustard seed! Can you carry the faith of a mustard seed? Yes! Can you carry the tree that comes from that seed? No. Christ can though. Your simple problems are nothing to the pure, holy, sacred savior. He will carry you out of those problems. Jesus wants us to be like the cat hanging on the edge with a firm grip. HOLD ON! HOLD ON! Keep your eyes on the one that created the poster. Keep your eyes on the one that supplied the tree that you are hanging on to. Look back on the things that Christ has delivered you from. When you do that you will see His hands in everything you do. Yes, even in the hard situations that you are in now. Do you think that God has set you apart? He did. He can help you in that situation. He uses the earth as a footstool. Think of it like this. We are in a war with principalities of darkness. Why would our commander be sitting back with his feet up? Well, he knows that he has already won! So we talked about your past, your present, but how about your future?

**Psalm 99:6-9 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord, and he answered them. 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them. 8 Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. 9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

Point 3: Holy.

I want you to understand that the concept of Holy is used far more than any other characteristic for God. So I have waited to share the full definition of holy until now: dedicated to religious use; belonging to or coming from God; consecrated; sacred. 2. spiritually perfect or pure; untainted by evil or sin; sinless; saintly. 3. regarded with or deserving deep respect, awe, reverence, or adoration.

If that doesn't describe God at least as well as we can describe him on this one topic... then I don't know. But you see holiness for God has been and will always be the same. God's perfection. God is only imperfect when we give him traits... when we put him in a small box of incorrectness. My definitions of him are inadequate to show his total perfection, but I try. God is so much higher than what my miniscule brain can interpret. You may be so much closer to understanding him that my concepts are childish. Well first off, thank you. If my concept of God is childish then I am probably on the right track. Matthew 18:3-5 New International Version (NIV) And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Lord give me that kind of mindset. I don't want to be the same way in 10 years that I am now. The best way to make that happen is in the current time becoming more childlike and then more Christlike. God is unstained by sin. The bible directly says that no sin can be in God's presence. That's the reason the God wouldn't let Moses see His face in Exodus 33. The impurity of Moses even in his being called a priest in verse 6 wasn't enough for God to be able to show himself and Moses survive. Wow Moses was a messed up guy! I am pretty sure that we all know he was a murderer. He was a coward because he ran from the consequences of murdering a man. There were times that Moses did not glorify God like he should have. You know about the rock situation? My dude! Messed up. So I will leave this messed up dud alone. But!!! But!!! But!!! God saw Moses differently than we do. God sees you as differently as people around you. The important thing is that you need to be different. We are supposed to be in the world not of the world. Now Aaron wasn't any better. The Golden Calf? What are you thinking, Aaron? Why in the world would you help the people make a golden calf? God called both of them out by name! Numbers 20:12, "But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." OUCH, on so many levels! BUT!!! BUT!!! BUT!!! God saw something in both of them. God knows the future of you just like he knew the future of Moses and Aaron. God praised both of them because of their eventual holiness. He punished them when they did wrong. Guess what. I have consequences for my behavior. WOW. How did I know that would happen? Well it happened in the past so it will happen in the future. Look at the final words, "the Lord our God is holy." In every aspect of our lives he is holy. What do you need to get rid of to be holy like Christ?

In conclusion: We worked in the old testament, the new testament, in your past, in your present, and even went into your future. Holiness should be a trait or a characteristic that you are working to obtain. It will be difficult to overcome some of the junk we were hung up on. BUT God! He is holy. Please rise. Worship team please come up.

First, if anyone doesn't know Christ and you would like to accept him into your life please raise your hand and try to make eye contact with me then, you can put it down real quick. I never want to miss a chance for someone to come into the life of Jesus. Thank you. Please congregation repeat after me. Dear Jesus, please forgive my sins and guide me into a right relationship with you. See everything I did wrong and erase it. Please make me holy like you are holy. Amen.

Prayer team please come up for this.

Next, if anything in the message has stirred anything in your heart, there will be people up here to pray with you after my quick prayer. While I am praying, please come up, if you need prayer. Pray as an ending.