



Introduction

The Holiness of God

What do we mean when we call God Holy?

- ❖ Job 26:14—*Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways*
- ❖ Genesis 2:3—*So God blessed the seventh day and made it **holy**, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.*
- ❖ Exodus 3:4-5—*When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for **the place on which you are standing is holy ground.**”*
- ❖ Leviticus 2:3—*But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; **it is a most holy part of the Lord's food offerings.***
- ❖ Joshua 5:13-15—*When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, “**Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.**” And Joshua did so.*

Where do we see the Holiness of God in scripture?

1. God's holiness is in himself

- ❖ Psalms 111:9—*He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!*
- ❖ Isaiah 57:15—*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*
- ❖ Luke 1:46-49—*And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

2. God's holiness is preeminent

- ❖ Revelation 4:8—*And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,*



"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

- ❖ Isaiah 6:1-3—*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. 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. And one called to another and said:*

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

3. God's holiness is transcendent

- ❖ Exodus 15:11—*"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"*
- ❖ 1 Samuel 2:2—*"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."*
- ❖ Isaiah 40:25—*To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.*

Why is this important to us?

1. God's holiness should stir within us reverence and fear

- ❖ Isaiah 6:4-5—*And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 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!"*

2. God's holiness should stir within us praise, gladness, and thanksgiving

- ❖ Psalms 103:1—*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

3. God's holiness should stir within us holiness and obedience

- ❖ Leviticus 11:44—*For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.*