GOD What is God like? October 22, 2023

What are the attributes of God? What are His characteristics & qualities? How do you describe the Indescribable?

Proverbs 9:10a TPT The starting point for acquiring wisdom is to be *consumed w/ awe (regard Him as truly awesome)* as you worship Yahweh...

We're getting to know the Holy One. I'm praying we stir up a hunger to personally understand & experience the Almighty!

Psalm 8:1 O Lord, our Lord, Your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens...

3 When I look at the night sky & see the work of Your fingers-the moon & the stars You set in place 4 what are mere mortals that You should think about them, human beings that You should care for them?

9 O Lord, our Lord, Your majestic name fills the earth!

We revere God! We're in awe of God! We're humbled by God!

Micah 7:18 AMP Who is a God like You, who forgives wickedness & passes over the rebellious acts of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He constantly delights in mercy & lovingkindness. 19 He shall again have compassion on us; He will subdue & tread underfoot our wickedness, destroying sin's power. Yes, You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

We recognize the majesty & glory & holiness of the Almighty!

Exodus 3:2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing *fire* from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in *flames*, it didn't burn up. 3 "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." 4 When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. 5 "Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you're standing on *holy* ground. 6 I am the God of your father - the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

<u>Holiness</u> - pure, divine, sacred, moral purity, morally right-righteous, set apart, perfect, sanctified, sinless, faultless, flawless, guiltless, virtuous

Exodus 15:11 Who is like you among the gods, O Lord - glorious in *holiness*, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?

Holiness is what He's like. Not what He has, but who He is.

It's difficult to grasp because we're surrounded by impurities.

Isaiah 57:15 The high & lofty one who lives in eternity, the *Holy One*, says this: "I live in the high & *holy* place w/ those whose spirits are contrite & humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble & revive the courage of those w/ repentant hearts.

<u>Jonathan Edwards</u> — "A true love of God must begin w/ a delight in His holiness, & not w/ a delight in any other attribute; for no other attribute is truly lovely w/out this."

1 Samuel 2:2 No one is *holy* like the Lord! There is no one besides You; there is no Rock like our God.

God is Himself, the Holiness. He is the All-Holy; the Holy-One; He is holiness itself.

Isaiah 6:3 ...I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, & the train of His robe filled the Temple. 2 Attending Him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, w/ two they covered their feet, & w/ two they flew. 3 They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled w/ His glory!" 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, & the entire building was filled w/ smoke. 5 Then I said, "It's all over! I'm doomed, for I'm a sinful man. I have filthy lips, & I live among a people w/ filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me w/ a burning coal he had taken from the altar w/ a pair of tongs. 7 He touched my lips w/ it & said. "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, & your sins are forgiven." 8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Fire, burning, purity, Holy - Burning bush, pillar of fire, etc. Holy Spirit – the New Testament Church was born out of fire!!

Hebrews 12:28 Since we're receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let's be thankful & please God by worshiping Him w/ *holy* fear & awe. 29 For our God is a devouring fire.

Psalm 12:6 The Lord's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over.

You & I can be holy only by contact w/ the Holy One. Holy ground, holy city, holy works, holy objects...

1 Chronicles 16:29 Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering & come into His presence. Worship the Lord in all *His holy splendor*. 30 Let all the earth tremble before Him.

God is a person, & He made a way for us to come boldly to the Throne. And it is a throne – holy, awesome, pure and full of grace.

There's a tension between us being too familiar & His calling to draw near

Psalm 29:2 Honor the Lord for the glory of His name. Worship the Lord in the *splendor of His holiness*.

Let's be aware of our flesh, our sin, our vileness... & be in awe of Jesus.

Psalm 96:6 Honor & majesty surround Him; strength & beauty fill His sanctuary. 7 O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious & strong. 8 Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering & come into His courts. 9 Worship the Lord in all His *holy splendor*. Let all the earth tremble before Him. 10 Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"...

The Holy One only allows holy people in His presence. Thank you Jesus.

Revelation 4:8 Each of these living beings had six wings, & their wings were covered all over w/ eyes, inside & out. Day after day & night after night they keep on saying, "*Holy, holy, holy* is the Lord God, the Almighty - the one who always was, who is, & who is still to come."

In our modern, seeker sensitive Christianity, often we have lost the awareness of the divine, the sacred, the pure, the majestic, & the Holy.

Revelation 15:3 They were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, & the song of the Lamb: "Great & marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just & true are Your ways, O King of the nations. 4 Who will not fear You, Lord, & glorify Your name? For You alone are *holy*. All nations will come & worship before You..."

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.