

## God Is What?! (His Attributes)

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### A Holy God

Today: God is a **holy** God.

\* The holiness of God is the **attribute** of attributes.


#### **Revelation 4:8a**

<sup>8</sup>The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying...

(The statement “do not rest day or night” is very important)

#### **Revelation 4:8b**

<sup>8</sup>...“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Questions: Do they rest?  
Do they stop?  **no**

1. The four living creatures are saying **day and night**, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

#### **Revelation 4:9a**

<sup>9</sup>Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who

Whenever – forever – 24:7 this is happening before Him.

#### **Revelation 4:9-11**

So – thousands of years before, Isaiah sees the very same thing John sees in Revelation 4.

2. When your eyes are opened to Heaven, there is a **continuous** chorus going on called: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty"

Why would they repeat this?

- Because God is so **holy**.
- He is so far separate from **sin**.
- He is so far opposite of **evil**.
- He is so perfect, so **pure**.

3. I believe the reason they fall down is because when they get back up, they see something they have **never seen** before because God is so holy they could never see all His holiness with **one glance**.

- \* Grasp this thought: Even those who have been in Heaven with Him for all of eternity still see something **new** in who God is.

He is what: He is so great each day there is **more** of Him to see.

### **Revelation 4:8b**

<sup>8</sup> ... "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God (refers to His sovereignty) Almighty (refers to His **omnipotence** – all powerful), Who was and is and is to come! (refers to God is **eternal** and always has existed; He exists and will exist **forever**)"

God is holy – now what does that mean?

Holy – Greek – Hagios – means: **set apart**, completely separate, **pure** and morally **blameless**.

Hebrew word – qadash – means: to be **set apart**, cut apart, or **fully** separate.

3. God is **completely** separate from all sin, from all **imperfection**, and from all **impurity**.

- To be pure is there is no **mix** or **mixture** with God.

What does that mean?

- We never have to worry about God doing the **wrong** thing.
- We never have to worry about God having **bad** thoughts and **acting** on it.

God is **completely** pure and **spotless**.

4. God is **completely** pure, holy, blameless in all of His thoughts and actions.

- Even when He destroyed the earth with a flood, He sent a **prophet** to the earth for 100 years to explain there is a flood coming.

5. Man's sin does not **blemish** or **diminish** God's holiness.

Let me tell you in the Bible what is holy:

- His **name** is holy
- His **power** is holy
- His **temple** is holy
- His **Spirit** is holy
- His **covenant** is holy
- His **promises** are holy
- His **city** is holy
- Even His **ground** is holy

6. The reason why it is holy is that it is set apart for the **purposes** of God.

- God's **actions** are holy
- His **words** are holy
- His **angels** are holy
- His **people** are holy
- His **kisses** are holy

Bottom line: **everything** about God is **holy**.

## Habakkuk 1:12-13

The problem in us understanding His holiness is not understanding another **attribute** of God.

Here it is: God is **perfect** – meaning God has no **sin**, no **faults**, and absolutely no chance Him being **wrong**.

- To us, perfect means: the **highest** degree of **excellence**.

You can't put that definition on God because when you say highest degree, you then say God can be **measured**. God's perfection cannot even be **measured**. God has **complete** fullness and lacks **nothing**, and cannot be measured, and has no **blemish**.

## 1 Samuel 2:2

## Isaiah 6:3

Let me tell you this important truth: For us to get to the place what Isaiah said next – Here am I send me, I will do what you want me to do, we need to have 3 visions (regarding God's holiness):

- We must see the Lord in **who** He is.
- We must then need to see ourselves in who we are **before** Christ.
- Then, we need to see ourselves **in** Christ where God has totally removed our **iniquity**.

\* If you are in trouble – you just got bad news and facing a tough situation,

7. Enter the **presence** of God because you will see Him and then you see your situation compared to God in the light of His **holiness**.

There is a story in the Bible where sin entered the presence of God and what happened to it:

**Leviticus 10:1-3** – sons of Aaron

- Aaron's two sons died and Aaron didn't say a thing.

**Leviticus 16:1-3**

- God did not choose to kill Nadab and Abihu, God's **holiness** killed the sin **within** them.
8. God said don't come into the most holy place with **sin**. (There was a **holy** place and **most holy** place – the most holy place was where God's **presence** was, but go there with the **blood**.)
- \* God didn't get angry with Nadab and Abihu, God was just there and sin walked into His presence and died **immediately**.

We all have sin and are saved by the blood, so go to Him and let **Him** deal with your sin.

Holiness vanquishes sin just like light **defuses** darkness.

Sin can't live in God's presence, so stay in God's **presence** – His anointing breaks every **yoke**.

I think it broke God's heart the two sons died – that's why God said to Moses, please tell Aaron when you come, come with the **blood** and will vanquish the sin and you will **live**.

Every day they offered **sacrifices**. Once a year, they went to the Holy of holies and offered up a **spotless** lamb.

Listen closely: all that changed with **Christ**.

Here is the big question: What does it mean that God requires me to be holy?

God's definition of holiness – He demands that **all** of His laws are kept **perfectly** at **all** times.

## 1 Peter 1:15-16

First aspect of holiness: **higher** than you can see.

Second aspect of holiness: be **set apart**.

How can I be holy: I can choose to **set apart** from the world and uncleanness and choose **God**.

This will blow you away: Brothers and sisters, you are **holy**.

- This doesn't mean you're morally spotless and blameless in your conduct – no it **doesn't**.

What it does mean: You set yourself apart for **God** and His **purposes**.

- Set your **family** apart.
- Set your **decisions** apart.
- Before you make a move in anything, **pray** and give it or **set it apart** for God.

Be ye holy and set everything apart for God.

In this time – reimage and set everything apart for God.

- Let's **hear** God.

We **can** obey 1 Peter 1:15-16.

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