

The Holiness of God

"Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." (Rev 4:8)

1. **Holy: Separate or cut off from what is common or secular**

2. **Biblical Examples of Holy Things**

- A. holy ground (Exodus 3:5)
- B. holy assemblies (Exodus 12:16)
- C. holy sabbaths (Exodus 16:23)
- D. holy nation (Exodus 19:6)
- E. holy garments (Exodus 28:2)
- F. holy city (Nehemiah 11:1)
- G. holy promises (Psalm 105:42)
- H. holy angels (Mark 8:38)
- I. holy men (2 Peter 1:21)
- J. holy women (1 Peter 3:5)
- K. holy scriptures (2 Timothy 3:15)
- L. holy hands (1 Timothy 2:8)
- M. holy kiss (Romans 16:16)
- N. holy faith (Jude 20)

3. **God Is Holy Means God Is God**

- A. Totally Other
"There is none holy like the Lord, there is none besides thee." (1 Sam 2:2)
- B. Uncreated Creator
"To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?" (Is 40:25-26)
- C. Not Man
"I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst." (Hos 11:9)

4. **Unimpeachable**

"When we say that God is holy we mean that, along with the immeasurableness of his greatness, *his character is unimpeachable*. He cannot be charged with any wrong. He has an infinite love for what is infinitely valuable and an infinite hate for what opposes the infinitely valuable. His delight in praiseworthy things is unbounded, and his abhorrence of what is blameworthy is perfect. As Habakkuk 1:13 says: "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil, and you cannot tolerate wrong." All the evil in the world is an offense against the holiness of God and is preparing this world for a cataclysm of divine vindication. The zeal of God burns for the holiness of his great name. See Ezekiel 36:22-23." John Piper

5. **Our Response To His Holiness (Isaiah 6 & Job 42)**

- A. "Woe to me! I am ruined!" and "I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes"
- B. I am a man of unclean lips
- C. I live among a people of unclean lips