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THE HOLINESS OF GOD

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Isaiah 6:1-2

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covered his face, and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another
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Outline

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5 Expressions of the Holiness of God (vv. 1-5)

1. God's holiness is majestic (v.1)
2. God's holiness is unapproachable (v. 2)
3. God's holiness is different (v. 3a)
4. God's holiness is His glory (v. 3b)
5. God's holiness is fearful (v. 4-5)

1. GOD'S HOLINESS IS MAJESTIC (V.1)

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Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26

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[5] He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and **as long as he sought the LORD**, God made him prosper.

Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26

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[15]... And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.
[16] **But when he was strong, he grew <u>proud</u>, to his destruction**. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26

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[19] Then Uzziah was angry, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense. [20] And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, **because the LORD had struck him**. [21] And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land."

Isaiah 6:1

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WE MUST BELIEVE, AND LIVE AS THOUGH YAHWEH IS OUR ONLY KING.

2. GOD'S HOLINESS IS UNAPPROACHABLE (V. 2)

Isaiah 6:2

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ON OUR OWN MERITS, WE SHOULD NOT WANT TO ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE. HE IS UNAPPROACHABLE BY US APART FROM FAITH IN JESUS.

3. GOD'S HOLINESS IS DIFFERENT (V. 3A)

Isaiah 6:3

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[3] And one called to another and said:

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

“A low view of God’s holiness leads to a low view of our sin, which leads to a low view of the cross of Jesus Christ, which leads to a low view of grace. If your view of grace is low, then it isn’t amazing to you, even if that’s what you might sing”

- Jonny Ardavanis

DOES YOUR VIEW OF GOD ALIGN WITH THE BIBLE'S REVELATION OF WHO GOD IS: THAT HE IS HOLY?

4. GOD'S HOLINESS IS HIS GLORY (V. 3B)

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the whole earth is **full of his glory**!"

“What is the relationship between [God’s holiness and His glory]? The glory of God is the manifestation of the holiness of God. God’s holiness is his incomparable perfections... when that goes public - or on display - it is called in the Bible, the glory of God”

- John Piper, T4G 2013

Leviticus 10:3

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"...Yahweh spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be **treated as holy**, And before all the people **I will be glorified**.' " (LSB)

1 Peter 1:14-16

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[14] As obedient children, do not be
conformed to the passions of your former
ignorance, [15] but as he who called you is
holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
[16] since it is written, “You shall be holy,
for I am holy.”

5. GOD'S HOLINESS IS FEARFUL (VV. 4-5)

Isaiah 6:4-5

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Exodus 20:18-19

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[18] Now when all the people saw the **thunder** and the **flashes of lightning** and the sound of the trumpet and the **mountain smoking,** the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off [19] and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

Hebrews 10:31

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[31] It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Judges 13:22

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[22] ...“We shall surely die, for we have seen God.”

Job 40:4-5

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[4] “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. [5] I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Exodus 33:20

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[20] “...you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

Luke 5:8

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[8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "**Depart from me**, ***for*** I am **a sinful man**, O Lord."

Revelation 1:14-17

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[14] The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, [15] his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. [16] In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. [17] When I saw him, **I fell at his feet as though <u>dead</u>**...

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Matthew 12:34

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[34] You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**.

DO YOU SEE GOD, FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT, AS HOLY?



THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD, FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT, IS HOLY

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GOD IS HOLY, BUT HE HAS LOVINGLY PROVIDED A HOLY SACRIFICE: HIMSELF - JESUS.

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