

The Holiness of God

Ask your family to describe God. How many words can you think of to complete this sentence?
God is _____. (for example, God is *love*, God is *faithful*, God is *merciful*, etc.)

There is only one attribute of God that is used to describe God three consecutive times.

- Do you know what it is?

Read Revelation 4:8-11.

- What do you think it means to be holy?

Theologian A.W. Pink describes God's holiness like this:

"God is holy because the sum of all moral excellency is found in Him. He is absolute Purity, unsullied even by the shadow of sin. "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5)."

- Can you restate A.W. Pink's statement in your own words?

This is how the prophet Isaiah responded to God's holiness: Read Isaiah 6:1-7.

Once again God is described as "Holy, Holy, Holy."

- How did Isaiah respond to the holiness of God? (Isa 6:5)

In 1 Peter 1:16 God says: "Be holy as I am holy."

- Do you think it is possible to be holy on your own? (*No*)

Read Colossians 1:21-22.

If we can't be holy on our own, then we need God to make us holy.

- What has God done for us that we might be made holy? (*He sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross*)

- How then do you think we should respond to God's holiness?

Close your time of family worship in a time of prayer using the following prayer from *The Valley of Vision*:

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My GOD, I feel it is heaven to please thee, and to be what thou wouldst have me be. O that I were holy as thou art holy, pure as Christ is pure, perfect as thy Spirit is perfect! These, I feel, are the best commands in thy Book, and shall I break them? Must I break them? Am I under such a necessity as long as I live here? Woe, woe is me that I am a sinner, that I grieve this blessed God, who is infinite in goodness and grace! O, if he would punish me for my sins, it would not wound my heart so deep to offend him; But though I sin continually, he continually repeats his kindness to me. At times I feel I could bear any suffering, but how can I dishonor this glorious God? What shall I do to glorify and worship this best of beings? O that I could consecrate my soul and body to his service, without restraint, forever! O that I could give myself up to him, so as never more to attempt to be my own! Or have any will or affections that are not perfectly conformed to his will and his love! But, alas, I cannot live and not sin. O may angels glorify him incessantly, and, if possible, prostrate themselves lower before the blessed King of heaven! I long to bear a part with them in ceaseless praise; But when I have done all I can to eternity I shall not be able to offer more than a small fraction of the homage that the glorious God deserves. Give me a heart full of divine, heavenly love.