

God Is Holy

Isaiah 6:1-7

Main Point:

Worship and emulate the thrice holy God.

1. God's holiness

Stephen Charnock "Power is his hand and arm, omniscience his eye, mercy his [heart], eternity his duration, his holiness his beauty."

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Exodus 15:11 11 "Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul "When the Bible calls God holy, it means primarily that God is transcendentally separate. He is so far above and beyond us that He seems almost totally foreign to us."

Job 34:10 10 "Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from God *to do* wickedness, And *from* the Almighty *to commit* iniquity. (NKJV)

1 John 1:5 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (NKJV)

John 12:41 41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. (NKJV)

Mark Jones "In Christ, we have a walking picture of the law, a reflection of God's holy character."

Steven Lawson "As long as he compared himself with those around him, Isaiah remained relatively comfortable. But when he saw himself in light of God's holiness, he saw more of himself than he could bear."

Psalms 5:4-6 4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. (NKJV)

A. W. Pink "Wondrously and yet most solemnly does the Atonement display God's infinite holiness and abhorrence of sin. How hateful must sin be to God for Him to punish it to its utmost deserts when it was imputed to His Son!"

Ephesians 5:25 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her ... 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:13-16 13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober ... 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (NKJV)

Hebrews 12:14 14 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: (NKJV)

Steven Lawson "One defining mark of every true believer is the pursuit of personal holiness. This is a necessary trait in the life of every true believer."

Psalms 99:3, 5, 9 3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name— He *is* holy ... 5 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool— He *is* holy ... 9 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God *is* holy. (NKJV)

Revelation 15:4 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." (NKJV)

2. God's holiness in the gospel

3. God's holiness in the Christian life