

# Adoring the God of Glory

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Class 11 – Adult Equipping Center  
God’s Holiness – Teaching Notes

**Recap:** God’s Goodness and Love

## The Holiness of God

Title for God: Holy One (Is. 43:14-15, 49:7, 54:5; Mk. 1:24, Lk. 4:34, Acts 3:13-15)

Definition: Two-fold

1.

- Scripture (Ex. 15:11, 1 Chron. 16:28-30, Is. 6:1-4)<sup>1</sup>
- Reinforcement: God’s Law and The Lord’s Prayer
- The draw and fear of holiness

2.

- Grudem: “*separated* from sin and devoted to seeking his own honor.” (*Systematic Theology*, p. 201)

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<sup>1</sup> “We cannot grasp the true meaning of the divine holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. God’s holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable. The nature man is blind to it. He may fear God’s power and admire His wisdom, but His holiness he cannot even imagine.” (A.W. Tozer, *Knowledge of the Holy*, p. 104)

Other Scripture: Hab. 1:12-13, 1 Jn. 1:5, Jms. 1:13

Images for Holiness: Light and Cleansing

### **Brief Scriptural Survey**

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Gospels
- Epistles<sup>2</sup>
- The End

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<sup>2</sup> "Justification answers to God's righteousness; sanctification answers to his holiness. 'Hence, the two are equally necessary and are proclaimed in Scripture with equal emphasis...Justification and sanctification...grant the same benefits' namely, 'the entire Christ'" (Mark Jones, *God Is*, quoting Hermann Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Volume 4:249)

## Implications

1. Class...
2. Expect to be viewed as different when living for a holy God.
3. Those in Christ have been set apart.
4. God's holy glory is unique and incomprehensible in full, so, worship Him!

## Praising God's Holiness in Psalm 99

[1] The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

[2] The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

[3] Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

[4] The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

[5] Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

[6] Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

[7] In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

[8] O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

[9] Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy! (ESV)

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## Reacting and Reflecting on the God of Glory

1. Consider the reactions of angels and redeemed saints to the holiness of God in Is. 6 or Rev. 4:8. What is your reaction to their reaction? What does this show us?
2. Holiness is separation from sin and a dedication to God's honor and purpose. Which aspect of His holiness do you need to consider most right now in your life?
3. What aspects of your life are "set apart" for God's good purposes? Which aspects of your life are still functionally under your sole control and direction?
4. How does Jesus provide you assurance now to come into the presence of the Holy One?
5. How does the gospel generate passion for holiness in God's people? How does it particularly move you in the season of life you're in now?

# **Holy, Holy, Holy**

by Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity