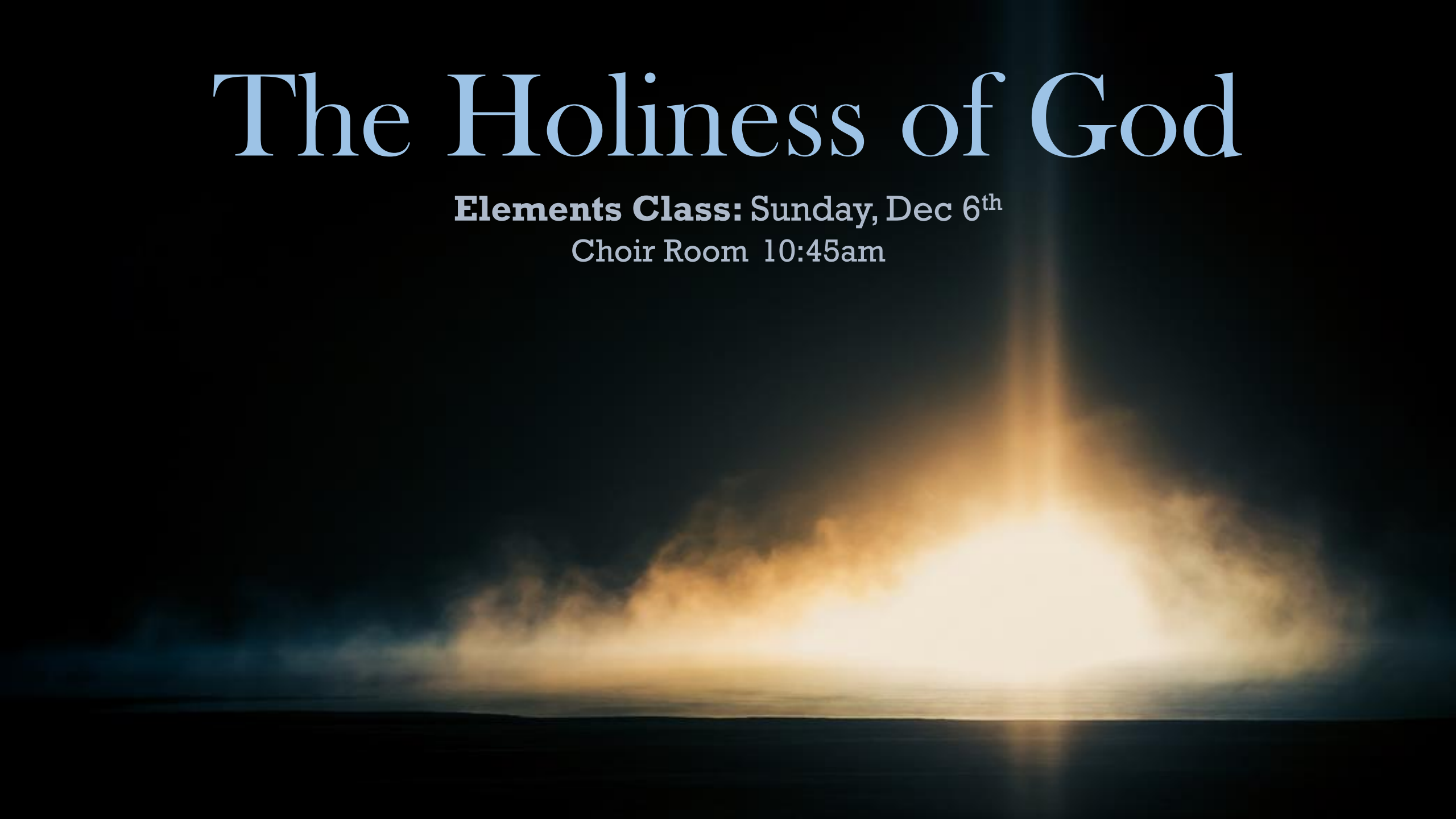


The Holiness of God

Elements Class: Sunday, Dec 6th

Choir Room 10:45am



SET APART

Otherness

Sacred

Righteous

Absolute perfection

Sinless

Morally-Pure

Justice

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the holiness of God, we mean:

That the **sum of all moral excellence** is found in Him. We mean that He is the *very definition of* and the *absolute standard of* all that is morally pure, ethically right and spiritually true.

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the holiness of God, we mean:

That He is **totally set apart**, high and lifted up and completely 'stands-alone' in His moral perfections.

He alone is perfect, He alone is holy, He alone is without sin.

def·i·ni·tion

When we speak of the holiness of God, we mean:

That he is **completely holy** and **without fault, without sin**. He is entirely perfect and flawless in all of His actions, all of His thoughts and all of His desires. Nothing but excellence & holiness can proceed from Him.

Implications

**He loves and rejoices in everything which
is in conformity to His holiness,**

His character and His laws. He takes great
pleasure in anything that reflects and upholds
His holiness.

Implications

Because God is holy **He hates all sin.**

He correctly loathes and despises everything which is contrary to it. He is fully against anything that tears down, belittles or goes against His holiness.

This is clear throughout scripture:

The thoughts of the wicked *are* an
abomination to the LORD, But the words of
the pure *are* pleasant.

Proverbs 15:26

Implications

“Correctly”...because an important facet of the holiness of God is His justice. The word righteous in the Bible literally means *‘just, justice, judicial approval’*. God would be ‘unjust’ (unrighteous) if he did not hate sin (the going against holiness).

Implications

It follows, therefore, that **He must necessarily punish sin**. Sin can not exist in the light of His holiness without his righteousness demanding His just, fair and absolute punishment of it.

Implications

God has often (and will often) forgiven sinners, but He never forgives sin; and the sinner is only forgiven on the ground of Another having taken his punishment.

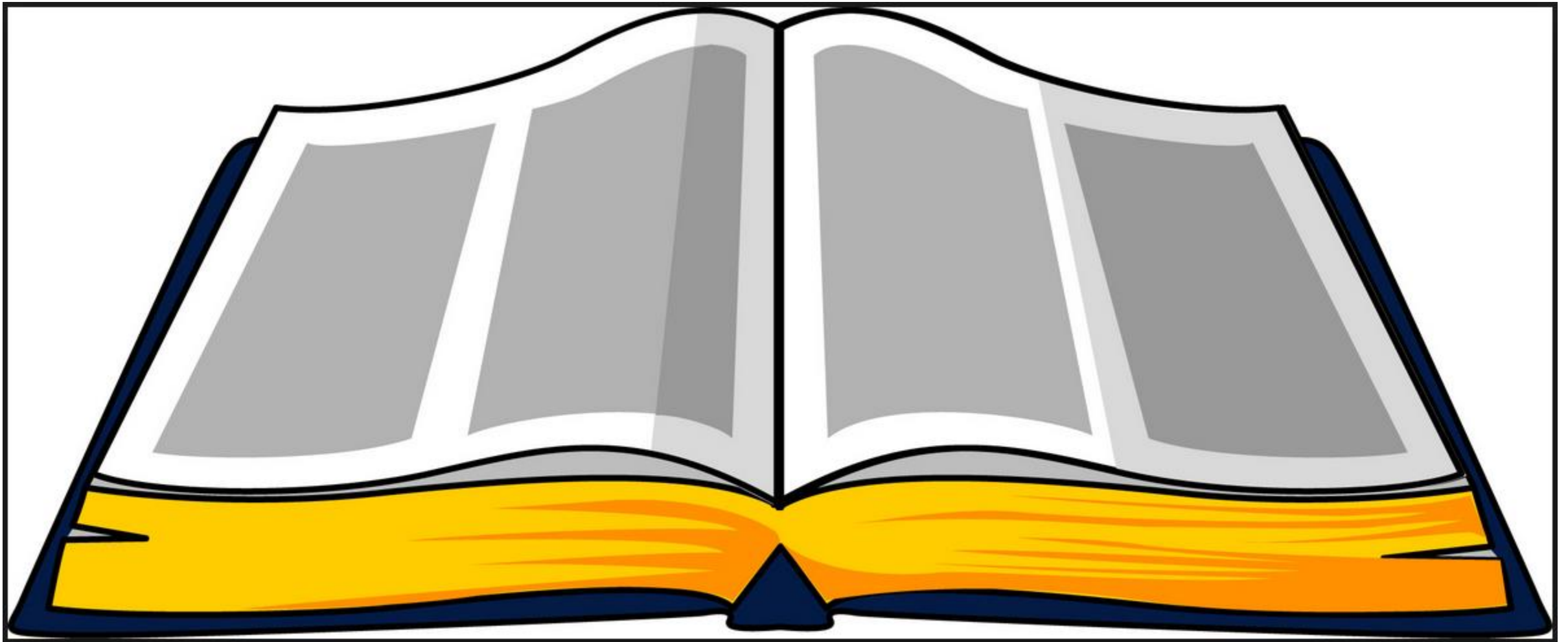
I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins... If anyone sins and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD's commands, even though they do not know it, they are guilty and will be held responsible...The wicked will not go unpunished...

Isa 13:11, Lev 5:17, Prov 11:21

He shall make restitution for that which he has sinned
against the holy thing...The priest shall then make
atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering,
and it will be forgiven him...without the shedding of
blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Lev 5:16, Heb 9:22

What does the Bible say about **The Holiness of God?**



The One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name
is Holy says: “I dwell in the high
and holy place...”

Isaiah 57:15

The four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

Revelation 4:8

Your eyes are too pure to approve
evil, And You can not look on
wickedness with favor...

Habakkuk 1:13

There is no one holy like the LORD,
Indeed, there is no one besides You...Who
is like You among the gods, O LORD?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

1 Sam 2:2, Ex 15:11

As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless...

Psalm 18:30

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.

A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deut 32:4

Righteous are You, O LORD, And upright
are Your judgments...Righteousness and
justice are the foundation of His throne.

Psalms 119:137, 97:2b

How

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The holiness of God
should sound a fearful **alarm**
in our minds.



In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “**Holy, holy, holy is the LORD** of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Isaiah 6:1-3

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “**Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:4-5

PRACTICAL ACTION



Understanding the holiness of God should initially cause a strong sense of fear...realizing that he is utterly holy and I am utterly sinful.



The absolute holiness of God should make us ever uneasy... even as believers we should not grow 'accustom' to his sheer perfection!

The holiness of God
should strike a reverent **awe**
into our heart & attitudes.



The word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. **He loves righteousness and justice**; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. (1) **Let all the earth fear the LORD**; (2) let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Psalms 33:4-5, 8

PRACTICAL ACTION



After a fearful response to the holiness of God should come a reverent awe, worship, praise and admiration of his holiness.



The absolute holiness of God should drive us to wonder in amazement at his complete & flawless holiness.

The holiness of God *should*
stir up a holy **ambition**
in our life & actions.



Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

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

1 Peter 1:14-16

PRACTICAL ACTION



The admiration of God's holiness should lead us to want to be like him. We will have a deep desire to become what we behold as glorious & valuable.



If we truly admire the holiness of God there will be within us a strong desire to be like him. If the desire is lacking it is because an admiration for the world is greater in our hearts.