

## The Attributes of God: Week 6, Holiness

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

- That the **sum of all moral** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- 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.
- 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 of the holiness of God:

- He loves and \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- 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. (Prov 15:26)
- "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).
- It follows, therefore, that **He must necessarily** \_\_\_\_\_ **sin**. Sin cannot exist in the light of His holiness without his righteousness demanding His just, fair and absolute punishment of it.
- 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. (Isa 13:11, Lev 5:17, Prov 11:21, Lev 5:16, Heb 9:22)

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

**Read:** Isa 57:15, Rev 4:8, Hab 1:13, 1 Sam 2:2, Ex 15:11, Ps 18:30, Deut 32:4, Ps 119:137, 97:2b

**How should this affect me?**

**1) The holiness of God *should* sound a fearful** \_\_\_\_\_  
**in our minds.** Read: Isa 6:1-5

**Personal Notes:**

**2) The holiness of God *should* strike a reverent** \_\_\_\_\_  
**into our heart & attitudes.** Read: Psalm 33: 4-5, 8

**Personal Notes:**

**3) The holiness of God *should* stir up a holy** \_\_\_\_\_  
**in our life & actions.** Read: 1 John 3:2-3, 1 Peter 1:14-16

**Personal Notes:**