**The Attributes of God: Week 6, Holy & Righteous**

**When we say that God is Holy we mean:**

1. **He *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* alone.** In all His attributes & ways… He is alone.

He *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* possesses them perfectly.(1 Sam 2:2, Ex 15:11)

* 1. We mean that God is alone in all of his attributes…not just moral perfection. (He alone is triune, omniscient, omnipotent etc.)
	2. **Greek: Hagios**, Means different from all others. Different in likeness & nature. Distinct & different from, special.
1. **He is *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* & *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.** He is utterly unique, in every way He is distinct from all the rest. (Rev 4:8, Lev 20:26)
	1. In the Old Testament especially holiness carried the idea of individuals being set apart for a certain task…being set apart in a sacred way.
	2. However, when we think of God’s holiness we primarily mean, special & set apart: morally.
2. **He stands-alone in His moral perfections.** He alone is perfect, He alone is absolutely morally pure. (2 Cor 7:1)
3. **Something God is & does.** God’s holiness is not just an ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** that God possesses but something that God does in all His ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***. (Ps 99:3, 145:17, 89:35, Isa 6:3, Rev 15:4)
	1. God’s holiness is not just an ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** state of being…it is specific ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.
	2. Every action that God takes is holy. Everything God thinks, desires & does is morally perfect, without fault etc.

**When we say that God is Righteous we mean:**

1. **The *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of all moral excellence is found in Him.**
	1. He is the *very definition of* and the *absolute* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *of* all that is morally pure, ethically right and spiritually true.
	2. He is ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* morally pure** & **without fault, without sin**.
	3. He is utterly perfect and flawless in all of His thoughts, all of His actions and all of His desires.
	4. Nothing but moral excellence & holiness can proceed from Him.
2. **God is and meets the requirements of the law fully.** The Old & New Testament concepts of righteousness always include the idea that righteousness exists in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to something else.
	1. Righteousness by definition carries the idea of…

*“meeting the standard” “to measure up to”*

*“to fulfill the requirement of”*

* 1. Therefore, for God to be righteous, He not only is the standard, but He must, and does, always meet the standard flawlessly, perfectly, instantly, effortlessly.
	2. The standard is; **Absolute moral perfection, in all things and everything, in all ways, always…without exception, ever.**
1. **God is without fault.** No fault morally or otherwise, ever. He is without any moral defect. He lacks nothing and never errs in any way, ever.

He is blameless, faultless. He has no blemish in ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*,** in moral excellence whatsoever**.** (2 Sam 22:31)

1. **In order for someone to be acceptable to Him; God’s righteousness requires that His perfect standard be met fully.**
	1. The Old & New Testament concepts of righteousness always include the idea of justice. Righteousness always carries the idea of **“being just”** or that is being just/being correct in thought, intent or action.
	2. That is, if your thoughts, desires & actions were held against the standard of absolute righteousness…you would be justified/proven just/correct in your behavior.

**Thoughts on Just//Unjust/Justice & Righteous/Unrighteous**

On many occasions the Bible refers to **the righteous** as **‘the just’** & **the unrighteous** as

**‘the unjust’.** What the writers mean by **the just and unjust** or righteous and unrighteous… Is that those who are **just/righteous** are viewed by God as having met/fulfilled the requirements of His righteous standard. And those who are **unjust/unrighteous** are viewed by God as having not met/fulfilled the requirements of His righteous standard. In the **Old Testament**, those who were counted as just/righteous was owing to belief in the promises of God and completion of the sacrificial law/duties…now those who are counted as just is owing to belief in the finished work of Christ…God has met/fulfilled the righteous requirements of His standard in us, through the accomplishment of Christ.

**How should God’s holiness & righteousness impact our lives?**

**#1 The holiness of God** *should* sound a **fearful** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

in our minds. (Isa 6:1-5)

**Personal Notes:**

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

**#3 The holiness of God** *should* stir up a **holy** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

in our life & actions. (1 John 3:2-3, 1 Pet 1:14-16)

**#4 The holiness of God** *should* set God’s standard as our\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Deut 6:18, Jug 17:6)

**#5 The holiness of God** *should* set us **strongly** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

all that is unholy. (Titus 2:11-12)