

G.I.F.T. Growing In Faith Together

Systematic Theology—Paterology/Doctrine of God Part 5

"Behold thy God" Isaiah 40:9

The Character of God—The Holiness of God

The word, "holy" means 'separated', 'marked off,' or 'set apart.' God's holiness is what separates Him from all other beings. It is what makes Him separate, distinct and set apart from all of His creation. (Isaiah 6:1-3)

Holiness is the preeminent attribute of God and the greatest truth that we can ever learn about him.

I. God is Preeminent Above His Creation

As creator, God is above all His creation and totally distinct from every created being. The distinction between God and the rest of His creation is not merely quantitative, (the same, but greater) but qualitative (God is a completely different being.) Isaiah 45:5-7

II. God is Pristine Far Above His Creation's Corruption

The Holiness of God also means that he transcends the moral Corruption of his creation and is separated from all that is profane and sinful. God cannot sin, cannot take pleasure in sin and cannot have fellowship with sin. Exodus 15:11, I Samuel 2:2, Job 15:15-16, Isaiah 40:25, Psalm 5:4-5, James 1:13;17, I John 1:5

III. What Should Be Our Proper Response to the Holiness of God?

Proverbs 9:10, Hebrews 12:14

A. *We should live before God with reverence and a godly fear.* Psalm 96:9, Isaiah 8:13

B. *We should live before God with worship, gladness, and thanksgiving.* Psalm 30:4; 97:12; 99:3, 5, 9

C. *We should live before God in obedience.*

II Cor. 6:16-7:1, Eph. 4:22-24, I Peter 1:14

