

The Holiness of God

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Aim: To explain that exposure to God's holiness changes lives

Know: God's holiness undergirds His revelation of Himself

Feel: Sense the awesome reverence of being exposed to God's holiness.

Do: Respond to God's holiness in prayer, singing and praise.

Introduction

According to Scripture, fundamental to our understanding of God is His holiness, both in the Old and New Testaments, God's holiness undergirds His revelation of Himself. This theme appears all through the Scriptures in one way or another. What, though, does it mean to say that God is holy? How does the Bible depict His holiness? And how do we, as unholy beings, relate to a holy God?

Statement: **There is unity in scripture about the holiness of God.**

Read: Psalm 99:9, Revelation 4: 8

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: Why is scripture consistent in revealing the holiness of God?

Share in two: Horizontal relationship

Application: How would you describe your mental picture of God?

Statement: **God is set apart from anything else in creation.**

Read: Genesis 2:3; Exodus 15:11

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How does God reflect His holiness through the Sabbath?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How is God's holiness reflected in your life?

Statement: The holiness of God exposes our sinfulness.

Read: Job 42: 5-6, Genesis 28: 16-17

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: What were the common responses to the holiness of God?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How has the holiness of God affected your life?

Statement: The holiness of God evokes the praise of angels.

Read: Revelation 4: 8, 9

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: What are the effects of God's holiness on angels?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How would you apply the teaching of God's holiness to evoke responses of praise or repentance in your friend?

Summary points:

1. There is unity in scripture about the holiness of God.
2. God is set apart from anything else in creation.
3. The holiness of God exposes our sinfulness.
4. The holiness of God evokes the praise of angels.

General application:

1. How would your life be different if you should have a vision like Jacob in Genesis 28: 10-19?
2. How does your reverence for the Sabbath reflect your reverence for God?
3. What could Nabab and Abihu have done differently?