

# OUR GOD IS A HOLY GOD

## WHAT IS GOD'S HOLINESS LIKE?

### ELEMENTS OF GOD'S HOLINESS

Holiness in OT Hebrew = to cut or separate

Holiness in New Testament Greek = put apart

### Elements of God's HOLINESS...

→ **Holiness** - God is Supremely Exalted and Majestic. HE IS NOT LIKE US.

*Isaiah 57:15* For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place... (ESV)

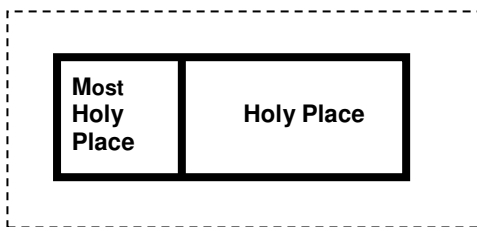
→ **Holiness** - God is Perfect and Morally Pure in everyway. There is NO Sin or Evil in Him.

*Psalms 5:4-5* You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. [5] The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

### A PICTURE OF GOD'S HOLINESS

#### → Picture of Tabernacle

*Hebrews 9:6-7* When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. [7] But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.



*Hebrews 10:11* Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

*Romans 3:20* ...no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

#### The Tabernacle and the Old Testament Law were Living Pictures of...

- God's Holiness
- Man's Sinfulness

### A DESCRIPTION GOD'S HOLINESS

*Isaiah 6:1-2* In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

#### Isaiah saw...

- The Lord God High & Lifted Up
- Seated on His Throne
- Train of Robe Filled the Temple
- Angels who covered their own faces in GOD'S Presence

*Isaiah 6:3-4* And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." [4] At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

#### Isaiah Heard the Angels...

- cried out Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD ALMIGHTY
- their voices shook the TEMPLE

**Isaiah 6:5** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

**Isaiah Responded...**

- Woe to me
- I am a man of unclean lips

**Isaiah 6:6-7** Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

**An Angels touched his lips with the coal from the Altar...**

- your guilt is taken away
- sins atoned for

**Isaiah 6:8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**What A Great Response to God's Holiness...**

- a sense of His own Sinfulness
- a desire to Serve God

## HOW SHOULD GOD'S HOLINESS IMPACT OUR LIVES?

### God's Holiness WELCOMES Us Into His Presence

**Hebrews 10:19-22** ...since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...

→ GOD has put out the WELCOME MATT...

### GOD'S HOLINESS CALLS US TO LIVE RADICALLY CHANGED LIVES

**1 Peter 1:14-15** As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. [15] But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do...

**Ephesians 5:3-4** But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. [4] Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather THANKSGIVING.

**1 John 1:5-7** ...God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (ESV)

**SING HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (vs. 1& 2)**

## SO WHAT?? (So what should God's Holiness look like in my life?)

**SING HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (vs. 3 & 4)**