

Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God. For the season of Lent our devotions will be on knowing God through His attributes.

Holiness

Holiness is the transcendent majesty and splendor of God that makes Him utterly and absolutely unique and solitary, set apart, morally pure and perfect, infinitely exalted above and beyond us and all creation.

Holiness is what separates God from everything else in all creation. God is not like us. There is an infinite gulf or gap between God and us. God is in a class all by Himself, there is nothing or no one else even remotely close.

God is called holy more than any other attribute. Holy is God's name, the Holy One of Israel. Holy is His essence, for Him to cease to be holy would mean He ceases to be God.

Because God is holy all His attributes are holy, holy love, holy grace, holy wisdom, holy wrath, holy justice, holy power. This is the attributes of attributes, the highest attribute, the preeminent perfection of God.

Scripture

Scripture on God's holiness.

Exodus 15:11 Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Leviticus 22:32 You shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

I Samuel 2:2 There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you.

Psalms 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Isaiah 6:1-4 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 43:3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 55:8-9 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Ezekiel 38:23 *I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.*

Habakkuk 2:20 *The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.*

Ephesians 1:4 *He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

I Peter 1:15-16 *As he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

Revelation 4:8 *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.*

Song

Psalm 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy Father, you alone dwell in unapproachable light, in glorious majesty and splendor. The beauty of your holiness is more than the eye of man can fathom. In the presence of your holiness I see my impurity and ask for your mercy to create in me a clean heart. My heart is full of leprosy, it defiles everything it touches, it will keep me from seeing you if you do not change my heart and give me a heart of flesh to love you and know you and obey you. Send your Holy Spirit into me to refine me and purify me and make me a temple fit for you to indwell. You command me to be holy according to your Holy Word, so now enable what you command and by your grace make me holy, by the blood of Jesus and the power of your Spirit, for the sake of your glory, Amen.