

GOD IS HOLY

1 Samuel 2:2

"There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."

Holy Things

- Holy day (Gen 2:3 NIV) (Exo 20:8 NIV)
- Holy ground (Exo 3:5 NIV)
- Holy mountain (Exo 19:23 NIV)
- Holy altar (Exo 29:37 NIV)
- Holy incense (Exo 30:37 NIV)
- Holy fruit (Lev 19:24 NIV)
- Holy name (Lev 20:3 NIV)

More Holy Things:

- Holy food (Lev 21:22 NIV)
- Holy jubilee (Lev 25:12 NIV)
- Holy animal (Lev 27:9 NIV)
- Holy house (Lev 27:14 NIV)
- Holy water (Num 5:17 NIV)
- Holy oil (Num 35:25 NIV)

Point : 1

God is "Other".

Not like you

(Isa 55:8-9 NIV) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Job's mistake

(Job 42:1-6 NIV) Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Can you fathom God?

(Job 11:7-9 NIV) "Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens--what can you do? They are deeper than the depths of the grave --what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea. [Zophar the Naamathite]

No One like Him

(1 Ki 8:23 NIV) and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below--you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

**1.) God's Holiness inspires
Praise**

Wow!

(Rom 11:33-36 NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

**2.) God's righteousness
proceeds from His Holiness**

Remember Jesus' ministry

(Isa 5:16 NIV) But the LORD Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will show himself holy by his righteousness.

**3.) God's Holiness inspires
awe.**

Holy Holy Holy

(Isa 6:3 NIV) And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Holy Holy Holy

(Rev 4:8 NIV) Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Awesome!

(Isa 6:5 NIV) "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."

Point : 2

Jesus is Holiness in Human form .

Who has come down?

(Prov 30:2-4 NIV) "I am the most ignorant of men; I do not have a man's understanding. I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One. Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know!"

Holy One

(Luke 1:35 NIV) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Holy One of God

(Mark 1:24 NIV) "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

Holy One of God

(John 6:69 NIV) We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Terrified!

(Mark 4:41 NIV) They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Humbled!

(Luke 5:8 NIV) When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Our hands touched Him!!

(1 John 1:1 NIV) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Point : 3

God calls us to be holy.

Practical Holiness

(1 Pet 1:15 NIV) But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Imitate our Father

(Eph 5:1 NIV) Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Be Separate

(2 Cor 6:17 NIV) "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Be Holy

(Heb 12:14 NIV) Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

We are called live holy lives

(1 Th 4:7 NIV) For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Be Perfect

(Mat 5:48 NIV) Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Pray for Perfection

(2 Cor 13:9 NIV) We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is for your perfection.

He gave us everything we need

(2 Pet 1:3 NIV) His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Aim for perfection

(2 Cor 13:11 NIV) Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Make it your goal

(Phil 3:12 NIV) Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

CONCLUSION