



INTRODUCTION

The More You Know—Part 3

The more we know about God, the more we will trust him and want to get to know him. Our view of God matters. Is it possible to know what God is like?

The Bible does not make any attempt to prove that God exists. It just assumes he does. The first book of the Bible Genesis begins, “In the beginning, God created... The story continues on from there Let’s dig in to understand more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you went to church when you were growing up, did the church you attended focus more on the love of God or the holiness of God? Why do you think the church emphasized one over the other? Do you think it was a proper emphasis?
2. What do you think the word “holy” means? Can you think of some ways people might misunderstand what the holiness of God means? Can we have an unhealthy view of God’s holiness?
3. Read Exodus 3:1-6 and Exodus 19:16-19. How does a fire provide a good picture of the holiness of God? What do we learn from the response of the people in each of these stories?
4. Read Psalm 29:2, Psalm 99:5, Exodus 34:5-8, and Revelation 4:8-11. Why do you think a proper understanding of the holiness of God will lead to worship?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:14-19 and Romans 12:1-2. How would you interpret these verses? Do you think it is possible to be as holy as God is? Explain your answer.
6. Practically speaking, what do you think it means for Christians to live holy lives? What might holiness look like in terms of our beliefs, morals and values?
7. Read 1 Peter 1:17, Psalm 111:10 and Psalm 128:1. Do you think these verses teach we are to be afraid of God? Explain your answer. What do you think it means to fear the Lord?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

God alone is absolutely perfect and clean in every way. He has no moral imperfections. These characteristics set him apart and make him holy. Holiness refers to the moral perfection of his character, and helps us understand why he hates sin—because it’s against his nature. He wants us to be separated from uncleanness.

Because God is so pure, righteous, and above us, worshipping him is appropriate. There is no way we can be perfect, but we can be “set apart” as Christians. To be holy, we need to be set apart in every way we can, and we can start by following God’s path. We can live differently than those who don’t know Christ. Our values, our beliefs, and our morals should be different than others and not influenced by today’s world, but instead by the scripture.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Isaiah 64:6
Exodus 34:8
Psalm 29:2
Psalm 99:5
Revelation 4:8-11
Isaiah 6:5
1 Peter 1:14-19
Romans 12:1-2