

LESSON 1

GOD IS HOLY

INTRODUCTION

The most profound, the most important, and the most neglected revelation in the Word of God in our generation is the fact that God is God!

Lying vanities cancel God's mercy. (Jonah 2:8)

Christians feel free to pick and choose what they want to believe about God and His Word and how they want to apply what they choose to believe in their lives.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES REVEAL OUR GOD AS:

- Wonderful
- Majestic
- Fascinating
- Good
- Gracious
- Full of Love

BUT SCRIPTURE ALSO REVEALS THAT HE IS:

- Mysterious
- Frightening
- Terrifying
- Jealous
- Wrathful
- Awesome
- Without comparison or description

He is One who is without comparison or description; One who has always been and always will be sovereign, perfect, and holy; One who is distinctly above and beyond ever being fully known or understood or emulated by man.

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GOD IS NOT A MAN OR EVEN A SUPERMAN.

We cannot possibly

Comprehend all of Him,

Take in all of Him,

Be like all of Him.

Our thoughts and our ways do not even approximate His.

⁸"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:8-9 KJV)

GOD IS NOT A LARGER-THAN-LIFE SANTA CLAUS, NOR IS HE A DOTING GRANDFATHERLY BEING WHO PUTS UP WITH WHATEVER SELF-EXALTING MAN WANTS TO DO.

SCRIPTURES SAY HE IS:

- Awe inspiring (Isa. 29:23; Mal. 2:5)
- Perfectly wise (Isa. 28:29; Jer. 10:12)
- Just, Judging (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 9:4)
- Of humanly unbearable proportions

...even wrathful and terrifying;

Yet...

He is One who...

has such abundant mercy and love that He provided mankind a way to fellowship with Him, to come into His presence through the finished work of His beloved Son. (Rom. 5:1-2)

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He is our creator, who simply by willing it called and can still call anything into existence. (John 1:1-4; Acts 17:24-31; I Peter 4:19)

He is sovereign; all things are in His hands [men and nations]. (Isa. 44:6-7; 46:9-10; Acts 15:15-18)

The elements and forces of the world are in His hands. (Job 37:16; Jer. 31:35, 51:15-16; Mark 13:19)

GOD ALWAYS WAS, GOD IS, GOD ALWAYS WILL BE.

He is unchanging.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S HOLINESS...

- Awe
- Fascination
- Reverence
- Love

The hearts of believers should be shrines and sanctuaries of love and worship.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM. (PSALM 111:10)

The author of Hebrews wrote, ²⁸"...we should hold fast to God's grace through which we may offer worship acceptable to Him in reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire." (Heb. 12:28-29)

THIS...

Magnificent Entirely Other,
Creator of All,
Knower of All,

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Worker of All,

This....

Unopposable,

Unlimited,

Majestic,

I AM...

LOVES US,

Insignificant as we are, so fully...

...that He gave up His most precious treasure that we might know and fellowship with Him.

This revelation knowledge is why Paul, Peter and John wrote of their nothingness and His greatness. Their writings did not spring from self-deprecation but from a vivid awareness of the real, true, loving God.

May He grant us this same great revelation that we may always walk rightly with Him.