

HE IS HOLY

Part II

Psalm 139:19-24

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

An attribute of God is a particular character trait of His perfection, unique only to Him, which serves to reveal His identity and to distinguish Himself equally and fully as God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The significance: It is the One and *only* God in whose image we are created, and it is *only* by God's grace that we can know Him personally, and it is *only* through His Son Jesus Christ that we are made "partakers of His divine nature."

Psalm 139

- Psalm 139:1-6 The **Omniscience** of God
- Psalm 139:7-12 The **Omnipresence** of God
- Psalm 139:13-18 The **Omnipotence** of God

Psalm 139:19-24

*O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.
For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.
Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.*

THE ATTRIBUTE OF HOLINESS

Signifies something or someone who is separated and set apart or consecrated. God is holy because He is unique, totally separate in His nature from all His creatures and morally pure.

THE MOST FOUNDATIONAL ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

Psalm 139:19-24

Defines the heart, attitude, emotions of how we should respond to that which is contrary to the holiness of God.

REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S HOLINESS:

Old Testament

The Tabernacle - - Exodus 29

Moses on Mt. Sinai - - Exodus 33:18-23

Temple - - Isaiah 6:1-5

Burning Bush - - Exodus 3

REACTION IN LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS:

Psalm 139:19-22 – Contrast

vs 19 “Slay the wicked”

David's anger toward unholiness

“Depart from me”

David's distancing himself from
unholiness

vs 20

Thy name in vain

David's conviction of taking
God lightly

vs 21-22

"I hate them"

David's total disgust toward
those who act in unholiness

The greater our knowledge/understanding of the holiness of God, the greater our hatred will be toward anything that distorts or stands between us and God.

To cultivate
the same attitude
toward sin
God has.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S HOLINESS:

Holiness is non-optional

Lev 19: 1-2

"You shall be holy..."

1 Peter 1:13-16

"...be holy yourselves also in all your behavior."

- To develop an intolerance for that which is offensive to God.

God, show me those things in my life that grieve You.

- To face the fact that I have a personal responsibility for my walk in holiness.

God, create in me the conviction and character to reject every personal sin.

- To come to know and take ALL sin seriously.

God, open my eyes to those sins our culture and church have been conditioned to accept.

REGENERATION IN HIS HOLINESS:

Old Testament – Reflections of God's holiness were temporal and imperfect channels.

New Testament – Reflections of God's holiness is eternal and perfect in His Son Jesus Christ.

John 1:1-5; 14

Personification of Holiness

Heb. 1:1-3

Radiance of His glory

Exact representation of His nature

✓ Salvation: Spiritual Birth

Heb. 10:19-20 Provided a new/living way to enter the Holy place

John 1:12 Child of God

2 Cor. 5:17 New creation

2 Cor. 5:21 Imputed righteousness

✓ Sanctification:

Word: → Psalm 119:9-11

Prayer: → 1 Thess. 5:17

Church: → Heb. 10:22-24

Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank You for how You have chosen to reveal Yourself to us.

I thank You for what I am coming to know of Your holiness.

*I thank You for revealing Your holiness through Your Son, Jesus Christ and "the radiance of **Your** glory and the exact representation of **Your** nature."*

God, show me those things in my life that grieve You.

God, create in me the conviction and character to reject every personal sin.

God, open my eyes to those sins our culture and our church have been conditioned to accept.

I ask that You reflect Your holiness in my life as a "partaker of Your divine nature," for Your glory.

Amen