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Psalm 99:9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for **the Lord our God is holy!** 

What is holiness? How is God Holy?
What are the implications for each of us?

How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible.

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### Moses Encounters God's Holiness

Ex 3:5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Ex 33:11 ...the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

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Holy – God's separating from Himself that which he chooses to devote to Himself.

God's Holiness: complete perfection of his attributes such as power and goodness; **sets Him apart** from all others.

## Isaiah's Vision of God's Holiness

Isaiah 6:1–4 $^{1}$  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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

#### Isaiah Becomes Aware of His Sinfulness

Isaiah 6:5

<sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

God's Holiness is the true measure of our holiness.

#### God's Provision for Isaiah's Sin

Isaiah 6:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

<sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

God alone can cleanse us from our sin.

## Called to Live Holy Lives

1 Peter 1:15–16 <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Ephesians 1:3–4 <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy and blameless before him**.

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Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

God's Spirit EMPOWERS US to live holy lives.

A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns, they just shine.

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