

The Attributes of God
Attribute #22 - Holiness

- I. Holiness - This term, in both the Hebrew and Greek, expresses the idea of “being set apart.” This separation includes both the physical and the moral. In the physical or geographical realm, God is set apart from all other so-called gods (Ex.12:12; 15:11; 20:3). Further, God is set apart from all Creation; that is, as the Creator, He stands infinitely and overpoweringly above the Creation (Romans 1:18-25). Also, God is set apart unto His redeemed. Even as the redeemed are set apart to Him (Lev.11:44; 1 Peter 1:15), so too, God is separated unto them as their redeemer, Creator, King, and Lord (Isa.43:14-15; 49:7; 54:5). In the moral realm, God is set apart from all that is evil (Job 34:10; Isa.6:1-6; Hab.1:12; I John 1:5).
 - A. In Scripture, He is often referred to as “The Holy One”, because the sum of all moral excellency is found in Him; because He is absolute purity unsoiled even by the shadow of sin (I John 1:5)
 - 1. Exodus 15:11
 - 2. Hab. 1:13
 - B. As His power is the opposite of human weakness, as His wisdom is the opposite of the folly of man, so His holiness is the very antithesis of all moral blemish or defilement.
 - 1. Power is God’s hand or arm, omniscience His eye, mercy His heart, eternity His duration, but holiness is His beauty.
 - a. Tri-hagion – Isaiah 6:1-3
 - b. God swears by His holiness – Psalm 89:35
- II. General References to the Holiness of God
 - A. Is incomparable. Ex 15:11; 1Sa 2:2.
 - B. Exhibited or manifested in His:
 - 1. Character. Psalm 22:3; John 17:11.
 - 2. Name. Isaiah 57:15; Luke 1:49.
 - 3. Words. Ps 60:6; Jer 23:9.
 - 4. Works. Ps 145:17.
 - 5. Kingdom. Psalm 47:8; Matt. 13:41; Rev. 21:27; 1 Cor 6:9,10.
 - 6. Law: Romans 7:12
 - 7. Cross: Psalm 22:1-3

8. Hatred of sin: Prov. 3:32; 15:26; Nahum 1:2; Psalm 5:5; 7:11
- C. Is pledged for the fulfillment of
 1. His promises. Psalm 89:35.
 2. His judgments. Amos 4:2.
- D. Saints are commanded to imitate. Lev. 11:44; 1 Peter 1:15,16.
- E. Saints should praise. Psalm 30:4.
- F. Should produce reverential fear. Rev. 15:4.
- G. Requires holy service. Joshua 24:19; Ps 93:5.
- H. Heavenly hosts adore. Isaiah 6:3; Re 4:8.
- I. Should be magnified. 1 Chron. 16:10; Psalm 48:1; 99:3,5; Rev. 15:4.1
- J. General Responses to the Holiness of God
 1. Commanded. Lev. 11:45; 20:7; Eph. 5:8; Col. 3:12; Romans 12:1.
 2. Christ
 - a. Desires for his people. John 17:17.
 - b. Effects, in his people. Eph. 5:25-27.
 - c. An example of. Heb. 7:26; 1 Peter 2:21,22.
 3. The character of God, the standard of. Lev. 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15,16; Eph. 5:1.
 4. The character of Christ, the standard of. Romans 8:29; 1 John 2:6; Phil. 2:5.
 5. The gospel the way of. Isaiah 35:8.
 6. Necessary to God's worship. Psalm 24:3,4.
 7. None shall see God without. Eph. 5:5; Heb. 12:14.
 8. Saints
 - a. Elected to. Romans 8:29; Eph. 1:4.
 - b. Called to. 1 Thess. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:9.
 - c. New created in. Eph. 4:24.
 - d. Possess. 1 Cor. 3:17; Heb. 3:1.
 - e. Have fruit to. Romans 6:22.
 - f. Should follow after. Heb. 12:14.
 - g. Should serve God in. Luke 1:74,75.
 - h. Should yield their members as instruments of. Romans 6:13,19.
 - i. Should present their bodies to God in. Romans 12:1.
 - j. Should have their conversation in. 1 Peter 1:15; 2 Peter 3:11.
 - k. Should continue in. Luke 1:75.
 - l. Should seek perfection in. 2 Cor. 7:1.
 - m. Shall be presented to God in. Col. 1:22; 1 Thess 3:13.
 - n. Shall continue in, forever. Rev. 22:11.
 9. Behaviour of aged women should be as becomes. Titus 2:3.
 10. Promise to women who continue in. 1 Tim. 2:15.

11. Promised to the Church. Isaiah 35:8; Ob 1:17; Zech. 14:20,21.
12. Becoming to the Church. Ps 93:5.
13. The Church is the beauty of. 1 Chron. 16:29; Psalm 29:2.
14. The word of God the means of producing. John 17:17; 2Ti 3:16,17.
15. IS THE RESULT OF
 - a. The manifestation of God's grace. Titus 2:3,11,12.
 - b. Subjection to God. Romans 6:22.
 - c. God's keeping. John 17:15.
 - d. Union with Christ. John 15:4,5; 17:9.
16. Required in prayer. 1 Tim. 2:8.
17. Ministers should
 - a. Possess. Titus 1:8.
 - b. Avoid everything inconsistent with. Lev. 21:6; Isaiah 52:11.
 - c. Be examples of. 1Tim. 4:12.
 - d. Exhort to. Heb. 12:14; 1Peter 1:14-16.
18. Motives to
 - a. The glory of God. John 15:8; Phil. 1:11.
 - b. The love of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:14,15.
 - c. The mercies of God. Romans 12:1,2.
 - d. The dissolution of all things. 2 Peter 3:11.
19. Chastisements are intended to produce, in saints. Heb. 12:10; James 1:2,3.
20. Should lead to separation from the wicked. Num. 16:21,26; 2 Cor. 6:17,18.
21. The wicked are without. 1 Tim. 1:9; 2 Tim. 3:2.
22. Exemplified
 - a. David. Psalm 86:2.
 - b. Israel. Jer. 2:3.
 - c. John the Baptist. Mark 6:20.
 - d. Prophets. Luke 1:70.
 - e. Paul. 1Thess. 2:10.
 - f. Wives of Patriarchs. 1Peter 3:5.2