

Christian Doctrine

God (Part 10)

Attributes: What Is He Like?

God Is Holy

➤ **What Does This Mean?**

- God is absolutely holy. He is totally separate from all that is unholy, evil or sinful.
- God is absolutely pure, which sets Him apart from all others.

➤ **Where Do We See This in Scripture?**

- “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty” ([Rev. 4:8](#); note [Is. 6:3](#)).
- Hannah recognized that “There is none holy like the Lord” ([I Sam. 2:2](#)).
- God’s holiness separates Him from all others: “To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like Him? says the Holy One” ([Is. 40:25](#)).
- God eyes are too pure to look on evil ([Hab. 1:13](#)).
- The Old Testament emphasizes God’s holiness. The tabernacle and temple with the holy and most holy places ([Ex. 26:33](#); [I Kings 6:16, 19](#)), the offerings ([Lev. 1-7](#)), the priesthood in its function as a mediator ([Lev. 8-10](#)), the laws about impurity ([Lev. 11-15](#)), (etc.) all exhibit God’s holiness.

➤ **What Does This Mean for Me?**

- ⇒ Sin has separated us from our holy God ([Is. 59:2](#); [Hab. 1:13](#)). However, Christ’s death on the cross has made redemption possible. Faith in Christ removes our sin, by which we can now approach God ([Rom. 5:6-8](#); [II Cor. 5:21](#); [Eph. 2:1-9, 18](#)).
- ⇒ We should approach God in reverence and awe ([Heb. 12:28](#)). A correct view of the holiness of God will give us a proper view of sin in our own lives, as well as a desire to be holy like Him ([Ps. 139:23-24](#); [I Pet. 1:15](#)).