

We serve a Holy God – Psalms 99

INTRODUCTION: God's holiness is the foundation for belief. In Him is the highest moral purity in existence. His holiness attracts us into the most secure relationship that we will ever possess. In a world of constant trauma, calamity, and uncertainty, it is to our every advantage to get to know our Holy God through His Word. Jackie Hill Perry, in an excerpt from her book, *Holier Than Thou*, states, "Holiness makes honesty an obligation. Whether we see ourselves as a communicator of God's truth like Isaiah or a person with a collar-colored blue, our titles tell us little about who we are really. Whatever we do and however we identify, when near God, we will see the truth and nothing but it."

1. God's Holiness Revealed _____ (vv. 1-3)

"The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!" - Vs. 1

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. - Vs. 2

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

"Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! Vs 3

2. God's Holiness Revealed Through _____ (vv. 4-5)

The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Vs. 4

"Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Vs. 5

"For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and injustice; I will faithfully reward my people and make a permanent covenant with them." Isa. 61:8

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

3. God's Holiness Revealed Through _____ (vv. 6-9)

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. Vs 6

"In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them." – Vs. 7

"O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings." - Vs. 8

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!" – vs. 9

Conclusion: A proper understanding of the holiness of God helps all of us to be confident in who God has created us to be. The more we worship Him, the more we understand He is for our good, and knowing that He will forgive our sins can help us to be confident to serve Him. Encountering a holy God means we must remove what's unholy from our lives. How can you honor God with your life? Romans 12:1 says, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship." *What must be removed in your life?*