

Why holy?

...Day and night they never stop saying, **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come. Revelation 4:8

Celebration of holiness

Psalm 99

Holiness means...

- God is King...holy
The LORD **reigns!** Let the peoples tremble. He is enthroned...Let the earth quake. The LORD is great...he is exalted above all...Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name. **He is holy.** Psalm 99:1-3
- God is just...holy
The mighty King **loves justice.** You have established fairness; you have administered justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; bow in worship at his footstool. **He is holy.** Psalm 99:4-5
- God is faithful...holy
Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel...They called to the LORD and he answered them. He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes he gave them. LORD our God, you answered them. You were a forgiving God to them...Exalt the LORD our God; bow in worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our **God is holy.** Psalm 99:6-9

Mediators, His presence, His Word

Forgiveness

The Passover

Exodus 12

The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16

“We die in God’s presence or God dies in our presence.”

What holiness means to us

We have been made holy

...He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours...God has united you with Christ Jesus...Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. 1 Corinthians 1:2,30 NLT

To live holy

Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

Worship a holy God

Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven and someone was seated on it. Around the throne...Day and night they never stop, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come...**They cast their crowns before the throne and say, Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created. Then I saw...a scroll...“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. “...Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah...has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll...” Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb...When he took the scroll...they sang a new song: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands. They said with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!** Revelation 4:2,4,8,10,11; 5:1-3,5,6,8-12

Reflection Questions:

What does it look like when people are too cavalier? Too legalistic?
How do people see the Lord when we live in holiness?

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