

The Holiness of God	3 Illustrations	Our Response
<p>Holy: (H) 6918 קָדוֹשׁ <i>kadosh</i> (G) 40 ἅγιος <i>hagios</i> (Isa. 6:1-4; Rev. 4:8)</p> <p>= from a word meaning to cut or separate = set apart, sacred, consecrated, pure = "a cut above the rest"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> God is holy - unique, transcendent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distinct, separate - far above and beyond us - having no equals or rivals among "gods" - in a class by Himself (Ps. 99:1-3; Ex. 15:11; Isa. 40:25; 1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 86:8-10) God is holy - morally perfectly pure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - totally free of evil, sin or darkness (Hab. 1:13a; 1 John 1:5) God is holy - holiness is not one attribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all His attributes are holy - every aspect of His being is holy God is holy - all three Persons of the Triune Godhead are described as holy (Isa. 5:16; Luke 1:35) God is holy - His holiness should be a matter of great importance for every true believer 	<p>3 Illustrations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moses in the wilderness of Zin (Num. 20:1-13, 27:12-14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there was no water for the people - they complained against Moses - Moses and Aaron sought the LORD - Moses was told to speak to the rock - he was frustrated and angry - so instead he struck the rock twice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → he did not treat God as holy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he did not <u>believe</u> (obey) God - he <u>rebelled</u> against God's word Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant (1 Sam. 4-6; 2 Sam. 6:1-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Ark was captured by the Philistines - until it was returned to Israel there was death, confusion, tumors etc. - Uzzah was struck dead by the LORD when he touched the Ark to keep it falling off the cart (~20 years later) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → he died because of his <u>irreverence</u> not mindful of God's holiness Isaiah saw the LORD high and lifted up (Isa. 6:1-10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seraphim cry HOLY back and forth - threshold quaked; temple smoke-filled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Isaiah saw his sin = unclean <u>lips</u> 	<p>The holy God commands all who belong to Him to be holy as He is holy (Lev. 11:45; 1 Pet. 1:16)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is the LORD who makes us holy and sets us apart unto Himself (Heb. 12:10b; 1 Pet. 1:14-16) We purify ourselves as He is pure. Holiness is our calling (2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 1:4, 5:27; 1 Jn. 3:3) We treat Him as holy by our obedience and belief in Him and His word When the holiness of God is grasped and then seen in the church, in our lives, in our worship, fear of Him results (Ps. 96:9, 114:7; Acts 5:11, 13) The fear of the Lord (reverence, awe) is to hate evil and by it we keep away from evil. It is a fountain of life. (Pr. 8:13, 16:6, 14:27) <div data-bbox="1633 1300 1793 1479" style="text-align: right;"> </div>