"The Attributes of God"

God's Holiness of Majesty

In a time of crisis, many of us think we need to focus more on our felt needs. But what will get us through these tough times? What we need is a greater vision of God.

Isaiah 6:1–4 ¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

Pray for a fresh vision of the amazing glory of God's majesty and greatness! Our gracious Father can give us this fresh vision in our hearts as we contemplate who He is.

Note this: Not only should we worship God for what He does, but for who He is. And the one quality that describes all of God's other qualities is His *holiness*.

The Hebrew word (*qadesh*) refers to something that is unique and set apart or sacred. God's holiness encompasses two meanings.

- First, His **holiness of majesty** refers to His *uniqueness*.
 - He is distinctly set apart from His <u>creation</u>.
- Second, God's **holiness of purity** refers to His *sinlessness*.
 - He is distinctly set apart from everything that is <u>corrupt</u>.

Our response to God's holiness of majesty is to worship Him.

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God is unique, distinctly set apart. He is different because of his unique quality of being. Holiness pervades and governs all of God's other perfections. His

mercy, power, grace, and love are *holy*. Each of His qualities or attributes are in an entirely separate class.

He is distinct and exalted above all creation. Read Exodus 15:11; Rev. 4:8.

Note: Even though He is high and exalted and is glorious in His majestic holiness, He also lives with "the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite" (Isa. 57:15).

You may feel yourself afflicted, even tortured, or anxious, in pain, or lacking purpose. Let your situation humble you and seek to go to Him in prayer *humbled*. Know this: He lives with those who are humble. Your trial is humbling; let it do it's work. Don't fight it!

Let sorrow do its work,
Send grief and pain;
Sweet are Thy messengers,
Sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!