

THEOLOGY PROPER (60)

- 14) Ps.22:3 – God is holy when He is silent to His people.
- 15) Ps.47:8 – God’s throne and God’s reign are holy.
- 16) Ps.99:9 – God is holy and exalted by holy worship.
- 17) Ps.111:9 – God’s holiness is at an awesome level.
- 18) Is.6:3 - High ranking angels recognize the unique level of God's holiness.
- 19) Is.40:23-25 - God’s sovereign work is carried out in unequalled holiness.
- 20) Is.57:15 - God is highly exalted in holiness.
- 21) Ez.39:7 - God desires to make His holiness seen in His people and will not allow His holy name to be profaned forever.
- 22) Hos.11:9 - God's holiness will not permit Him to abandon His people.
- 23) Hab.1:12-13 - God’s holiness will not permit Him to abandon His people or bless wickedness.
- 24) Lk.5:8 - Peter recognizes the holiness of Christ.
- 25) Jn.17:11 - Christ, God’s Holy Son, recognizes the holiness of the Father,
- 26) Acts 3:14 - Christ is identified as having the holiness of God.
- 27) Heb.12:10 - God's people are disciplined to produce God’s holiness.
- 28) I Peter 1:16 - God's people are to be a reflection of God's holiness.
- 29) I Jn.1:5-7 - God is holy and to have fellowship with Him we must also be.
- 30) Rev.4:8 - Highest ranked beings recognize God's unique holiness.
- 31) Rev.6:10 - Those at God's throne recognize God's holiness.
- 32) Rev.15:4 - God is to be revered and feared for His Holiness.

The holiness of God is a critical attribute. It is unique to God and yet in some ways applicable to us. This attribute is meaningful to us in many ways.

1. It should cause us to stand in awe of God's majesty.
2. It should cause us to realize everything God does, whether positive or negative, will always be done out of absolute holiness.
3. It should cause us to realize that it is impossible for any human being to measure up to level of holiness, for "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
4. It should cause us to realize that God’s holiness demands judgment against unholiness. In fact, judgment is due to God’s holiness.
5. It should cause us to realize that God desires a reflection of His holiness in the lives people.
6. It should cause us to realize that God cannot ever do evil, for perfect holiness must, by its very nature, be absolutely free from any evil or any potential of evil.
7. It should cause us to realize that the more we separate ourselves from that which is evil, the closer in our relationship we are to God and the more of God's character may be seen in our lives.

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Communicable Attribute #4- Invisibility.

Although there could legitimately be a list of attributes that could fall under the heading of the Invisible Attributes of God (Rom.1:20), this attribute is one that is clearly ascribed to God (I Tim.1:17).

Invisibility may be defined as the character, quality and ability to remain unseen and non-visible to natural sight. It is the ability to be in a state of actual existence and presence without being seen (Acts 10:40-41). Invisibility does not mean something cannot be seen by every eye, it means something cannot be seen by the normal, natural human eye. We classify this as a communicable attribute because spirit beings apparently have the ability to see what we cannot see and, at special moments when God permits it, so can humans (Acts 7:55-56). It is clear that spirit beings, in heaven, may be clearly seen (Rev.5:11; 7:1; 10:1,5; 14:6).

There are several passages which either state or imply the attribute of invisibility:

- 1) John 1:18 - God in His heavenly glory has never been seen by earthly men.
- 2) John 14:8-9 - Philip desired to see God the Father, which implies he had not and could not see Him.
- 3) Rom.1:20 – It is explicitly stated that God in His attributes is invisible.
- 4) Acts 17:27 - Paul says that God is not far from "each one of us", indicating God is present but we cannot see Him.
- 5) I Tim.1:17 - Paul specifically says that Jesus Christ is God and has the Divine Attribute of Invisibility.

God's attribute of invisibility is meaningful in several ways:

- 1) It should cause us to stand in awe of the power and majesty of God, being able to exist in things far beyond that which is natural or visible.
- 2) It should cause us to realize that just because we cannot see God, does not mean He is not near us.
- 3) It should cause us to realize that angels are a reality. The God who is invisible can easily create and use beings who are the same.
- 4) It should cause us to realize that just because we cannot naturally see something does not mean it doesn't exist.
- 5) It should cause us to realize that just because we cannot see a loved one who died, does not mean that loved one does not continue to exist, for there are many things we cannot see that do exist.
- 6) It should cause us to realize God's judgments are always true because they are based on the fact that God has seen everything, even though we cannot see everything.