

Contemplating the Knowledge of the Glory of God

(A Theological Refresher)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Part 8

I. Holiness Highlighted.

Cf. v.3; 2 Chron.20:21

“This may be said to be a transcendent attribute, that as it were runs through the rest, and casts luster upon them. It is an attribute of attributes.” John Howe, 1670

II. Holiness Defined.

A. Holiness conveys *set-apartness*.

B. Two facets of God’s holiness.

1. Majestic holiness.

Cf. Ex.15:11 1 Sam.2:2 Psa.99:1-3; Isa.45:5; Hos.11:9

“God’s holiness is his ‘God-ness’. It is his being God in all that it means for Him to be God. To meet God in his holiness, therefore, is to be altogether overwhelmed by the discovery that He is God, and not man.” Sinclair Ferguson

2. Moral holiness.

Cf. Psa.5:4-6; 11:5-7; Hab.1:13; 1 Jn.1:5

“For just as He as the Creator is transcendently ‘separate’ from men as creatures, so also, He is ethically ‘separate’ from men as sinners. He is morally pure - infinitely, eternally, and unchangeably so – with regard to His character, His thoughts, and His actions.” Robert Redman

III. Holiness Applied.

A. Isaiah’s view of God was magnified.

B. Isaiah’s view of himself was magnified. v.5

C. Isaiah’s view of atonement was magnified. vv.6,7

D. Isaiah’s view of service was magnified. v.8