

Holiness

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders.—Exodus 15:11

You are probably familiar with the hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD God Almighty*. The second verse of this hymn expresses:

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

That hymn reminds me of my need to honor and adore God. As believers we pay homage to our Savior because even though *He was in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin* (Hebrews 4:15). He is HOLY!

The primary meaning of holy is “separate”. God is distinct, separate, in a class by Himself. I am baffled when I realize that many people in this world do not worship God but serve false gods. These gods are no different than men; they fail and they sin. Our God is unique. He has no rivals.

No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.—I Samuel 2:2

As I ponder the holiness of God I am challenged by I Peter 1:15-16

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

This is a challenge to live a life in the same way Christ would live. It is a call to be set apart from the contemporary culture we live in. We are to live lives that are pleasing to our Savior. Our attitudes, our thoughts, and our actions are to be in a class by themselves. Our thoughts and behaviors should imitate those of the Holy God we serve.