

Victoria Fellowship Church

International & Interdenominational

Bible Study Worksheet – January 10, 2021

Theme: The Attributes of God

Topic: The Attributes of God: Holiness

Main Text: Leviticus 19:1-2; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Revelation 4:1-11

Key verse: Leviticus 19:2 “*Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel and say to them: “You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy”*” (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: King James Version of the Bible defines holiness as the state of being holy; purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin; sanctity. Applied to God, holiness denotes **perfect purity** or **integrity** of moral character. God describes Himself as holy in several places in Scripture and this quality gives us a glimpse of who God is. Holiness is such a glorious attribute of God that the four living creatures do not rest day or night but give glory and honor and thanks to God by saying, *Holy, holy, holy; Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come* (Revelation 4:8b). In Isaiah’s vision, he saw the seraphim which cried to one another and said: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory* (Isaiah 6:3). After the children of Israel escaped from Egypt and crossed the Red Sea, they sang that God is glorious in holiness (Exodus 15:11); and Hannah having received answer to her prayers proclaimed that *no one is holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God* (1 Samuel 2:2).

1. (a) **Why do you think that there is so much emphasis on God’s holiness such that the heavenly beings repeatedly proclaim Him as ‘holy, holy, holy’? (b) Why do you think that God’s holiness is proclaimed in a time of appreciation to Him as seen in 1 Samuel 2:2 and Exodus 15:11?**

God’s holiness translates to His purity, integrity, and character. He does everything out of who He is. God is perfectly pure and so Prophet Habakkuk describes Him as *of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on wickedness* (Habakkuk 1:13a). God does not just act in integrity; He is ‘integrity’, *for He who is the glory of Israel does not lie nor change His mind for He is not man that He should change His mind* (1 Samuel 15:29). God’s holiness makes Him utterly unique, matchless, incomparable, without parallel and without peer *for ‘to whom will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal? says the Holy One of Israel’* (Isaiah 40:25).

2. (a) **Discuss how God’s holiness makes Him separate from all others (b) What should our attitude be to the God who has purer eyes than to behold iniquity and cannot look on wickedness (within our hearts and without)? See Isaiah 6:3-7**

A revelation of God’s holiness shows us how unworthy and unclean we are just like Isaiah’s experience. Yet God calls us to be like Him and commands that we be holy for He is holy (Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16). Exodus 18 has loads of dos and don’ts with each ending with *for I am the Lord*. God’s command for us to be holy translates to our conduct as reeled out in Exodus 18, 19 and many other Scriptures. For he saved us to be like Him in every way; and commands that we pursue holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

3. (a) **The express command that we should be holy indicates that it is possible to be holy and live holy even in this age. What are your impressions about this command as seen in Leviticus 19:1-2 and 1 Peter 1:15? (b) How does a passage like Hebrews 12:14 help us appreciate the command to be holy? (c) In the light of the preceding discussion, how do we pursue holiness? See also 1 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 12:10**

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, may each one of us receive a revelation of Your holiness and appropriate the grace to be holy for You are holy, amen.*