

The Most High God is Holy

Intro:

Imagine coming in contact with the highest morals known to man. The greatest love. The most powerful virtues. The soundest justice. The fairest judgment or the purest form of punishment or correction.

Imagine developing a mindset that seeks the best at all times. Perhaps interacting with the one who demonstrates the humblest obedience or keeps the most precise records of behavior.

Imagine that?

Finally, consider the beauty of forgiveness and the plan of redemption. Think of the most joyous thoughts and the most loving expressions of goodness. You cannot think of these things and not consider the Most High God or His beloved Son.

Discourse:

I. Who is the Most High God?

- A. He is known as The Ancient of Days.
(Dan. 7:12-14).
- B. He's the possessor of heaven and earth and the One who thunders from heaven
(Gen. 14:19; 2 Sam. 22:14).
 - a. He's so high, He has to stoop to see heaven and earth (Ps. 113:4-6).
 - b. He is so amazing, nothing on earth can hold Him (2 Chron. 2:5).
- C. He's the One who is sung too and rejoiced in according to **Ps. 7:17**; 9:2.
 - a. We need to approach with great respect in the beauty of holiness (Ps. 96:9).
 - b. God deserves our full attention when we approach Him.
- D. He's the One who is the Great Redeemer and whose name alone is The LORD
(Ps. 83:18).
- E. He's the One who created all things through Jesus Christ (Col. 1:15-16).
- F. He's the One who gave His only begotten Son for the entire world (John 3:16).
 - a. We need to spread the message of the Son to the world.
 - b. We must sincerely believe God sent His Son to save all men.
 - c. He gave and we must learn to give ourselves as well.

II. Who in the past has served Him?

- A. People like Melchizedek and Abram (Gen. 14:18 & 22). What type of men were they?
- B. Heroic men like the 3 Hebrew boys (Dan. 3:26). What type of people were they?

- C. Paul and Silas were called servants of the Most High God in Acts 16:17-25. What separated these men from others?
- D. Finally, Jesus is the Son of the Most High God (Mark 5:7).
 - a. Jesus is the Son of the Highest (Lk. 1:32).
 - b. Jesus had the Holy Spirit come upon Him along with the Power of the Highest to overshadow Him (Lk. 1:35).
 - c. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF PEOPLE WHO SERVED ***THE MOST HOLY ONE***.

III. Why and should we serve Him?

- A. Because His attributes and characteristics bring out the best in us. (Exo. 34:5-7; 1 Pet. 2:9) (show forth the praises...).
- B. By seeing ourselves in the light of His holiness. Therefore we...
 - a. Gal. 2:20 (hopefully as crucified in Christ)
 - b. Eph. 4:3; 24 (endeavoring and put on the new man...)
- C. By conducting ourselves accordingly.
 - a. Psalm 15:1-5 is filled with attitudes and characteristics that align us with holiness.
 - b. 2 Tim. 2:19 shows us the benefits of departing from iniquity.
 - c. We have to learn and be aware of the greatness of being holy before God.
- D. Because pursuing holiness is worth it. (**Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15-16**)
 - a. In our worship to Him (in the beauty of holiness) (1 Chron. 16:29)
 - b. In our relationships with one another (1 Thess. 4:1-8)
 - c. In our being corrected (which will help us in *being partakers or made a partner* of God's holiness). (**Heb. 12:10**)
- E. Because His holiness brings out the best and worst in others. Acts 4:23-31
 - a. Preaching the name of Jesus brought out the worst in people and governing bodies. (Acts 4:1-4).
 - b. Jesus was being rejected as the One needing to be heeded too for salvation. (Acts 4:8-12).
 - c. Boldness and evidence were given for Jesus being the source of salvation and holiness. (Acts 4:13-20)
 - d. The church's prayer life was enhanced because of the holiness of God and the unholiness of men. (Acts 4:23-31)

Conclusion:

God is holy and those who come near unto Him must regard Him as holy. This should be seen in all areas of life. We should show this in our relationships. We must encourage the unbelievers to want to take part of it through repentance and submission. God, the Most High, is HOLY.