

Names of God from the Bible

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Sometimes we refer to God as the thrice-Holy God. The Bible says every name of God is an eternal Name, so we need to contemplate and ponder what this name means.

Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

Many people seem to equate holiness with righteousness, and yet, there is a difference. Righteousness relates more to doing what is right, whether morally, ethically and socially; it suggests honesty, purity and integrity in character and action. Others equate holiness with sanctity; a life of piety, consecration and devotion.

Whilst both attributes reflect some of God's character and the character traits God wants to see in us, there is a profound aspect to the term holy that is not included in these descriptions – the facet referred to as God's 'otherness' or His 'separateness'.

Both these adjectives relate to God's uniqueness.

God is totally different from any other being in Heaven or on earth. There is none to compare with Him. Whilst we talk about other gods, in comparison with the Creator of the Universe, Yahweh, there are actually no other gods. All other gods, as we call them, are merely the creations of human intellect or images made by humans and crafted into items of worship. Even God's archrival and Anti-Christ, Satan, is a created being.

It is vitally important that we understand this distinction. It is one of the reasons none of the other religions or cults is of any value. Christianity does not stand along-side other religions, vying for credibility or as an equal. Christianity is unique. Christianity stands alone, on the basis of establishing a relationship with the Creator of the Universe as our Heavenly Father. No other religion claims to do so.

People may try and establish some sort of religious experience or spiritual enlightenment through various creeds, mantras, self-examination, humility, or they may keep their options open by acknowledging every religion, god or supernatural trance. However, they will never find God that way. They will never find a fulfilling spiritual experience that way, since we have been created for an intimate relationship with our Creator.

God has revealed how that relationship can be established and maintained, and no amount of searching or trying our best will be an adequate alternative.

Why? Because God is holy. God is unlike my best intentions. He is unlike my vain imaginations; He is totally distinct from any other object or pattern of worship.

God is Holy, Holy, Holy. I believe that when the Bible describes God as Holy, Holy, Holy, it infers Trinity. God the Father is Holy; God the Holy Spirit is Holy and God The Word (The Son) is Holy. They are each unique whilst also One Being.

We may not understand the concept of the Trinity, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. And I have used the term, 'The Word is Holy', as against 'The Son is Holy', not to suggest Jesus Christ is not God or Holy, but rather that Jesus Christ, The Word of God, should be recognised as the Eternal and third Person of the Godhead, whom, we need to understand, was not created but eternally

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existent with the Father and the Spirit. Consequently, whilst Jesus Christ was fully human, He was and is fully God, as the Scriptures declare Him to be.

The Holy Spirit is also unique. He is unlike the spirit of this age, the occult spirits or the animist spirits. The Holy Spirit is all-powerful and beyond compare. He has the authority and power to exorcise every other spirit as He is Holy.

God the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is Holy, Holy, Holy. Totally unique, totally separate and distinct. Nothing and no-one compares to Him.

What does that name mean for us today

It means that, as Christians, we have nothing whatsoever to fear – not even challenges coming from any direction that opposes our God. Our God is Holy. We don't need to defend Him; He is big enough to look after Himself. All we need do is keep our eyes fixed on Him, and our faith grounded on Him and Him alone.

Prayer

Dear Father, it is such a joy and privilege to know that You are Holy, Holy, Holy. I want to join with the angels and worship You with those words today and every day. Thank You that because You are Holy, nothing can ever compare to You. Amen.

Additional Readings

- Leviticus 19:1-37
- Isaiah 6:1-7
- 1 Peter 1:13-21

Questions

1. What does the word 'holy' mean to you?
2. How do you see God as Holy?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that name?