

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

BIBLICAL DOCTRINE

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The Attributes Of God

Holiness and Justice

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer

“The basic trouble with the church today is her unworthy concept of God... Our religion is weak because our God is weak... Christianity at any given time is strong or weak depending on her concept of God.”

The Attributes of God

- 1) If I do not have a biblically accurate view of God, nothing else in my thinking and worldview can be accurate.**
- 2) Salvation is knowing God, and to know Him I need to have an accurate understanding of who He is.**

1) Nature – Psalm 8:1,3, 19:1, Rom. 1:19

2) Conscience – Rom. 2:14-15

3) His Word – 2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Adonia/ Adonay – Master or lord

- **Used of men = lord**
- **Used of God = Lord**
- **YAHWEH = LORD**

“Preserve me, O God (Elohim), for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD (YAHWEH), “You are my Lord (Adonay); I have no good apart from you.”

Psalm 16:1-2

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Attribute = A quality or characteristic that is true of someone

The attributes of God are those perfections and qualities that make up the essence of who He is.



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Attribute Categories:

Incommunicable

Characteristic of God Alone

- Omnipresence
- Omnipotence
- Omniscience
- Eternality

Communicable

Man can in some small way
imitate and reflect

- Mercy
- Graciousness
- Compassionate
- Loving
- Just

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I) The Holiness of God

“Holiness is the most sparkling jewel of His crown; it is the name by which He is known.” – Thomas Watson

Isa. 57:15:

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.”

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I) The Holiness of God

“Only once in sacred Scripture is an attribute of God elevated to the third degree. Only once is a characteristic of God mentioned three times in succession. The Bible says that God is holy, holy, holy.” – RC Sproul

“It does not seem proper to speak of one attribute of God as being more central and fundamental than another; but if this were permissible, the Scriptural emphasis on the holiness of God would seem to justify its selection.”
– Louis Berkhof

“Of all the attributes of God, holiness is the one that most uniquely describes Him and in reality is a summarization of all His other attributes... Holiness is the attribute of God that binds all the others together. Properly understood, it will revolutionize the quality of our worship.”
– John MacArthur

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I) The Holiness of God

- Majestic Holiness

“...the fact that God is inherently great and resists all compromises of His character and is therefore transcendentally distinct from all His creatures in infinite majesty.”

Exodus 15:11:

“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

I Sam. 2:2:

“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

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I) The Holiness of God

- Moral Holiness

“Since God is inherently great and therefore transcendentally distinct from everything outside Himself, He is most certainly separate from sin, being morally and ethically perfect, abhorring sin and demanding purity in His morale creatures.”

Leviticus 11:44:

“For I am the LORD (YAHWEH) your God (Elohim). Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.”

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“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

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“We cannot grasp the true meaning of Divine Holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. God’s holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the Divine Holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable.” – A.W.Tozer

“Holiness is the habit of being of one mind with God, according as we find His mind described in Scripture. It is the habit of agreeing in God's judgment, hating what He hates, loving what He loves, and measuring everything in this world by the standard of His Word.” — J.C. Ryle

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2) The Justice of God

I. Justice begins with the character of God

Duet. 32:4:

“The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.”

Psalms 33:4-5:

“For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.”

Isaiah 5:16:

“But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows Himself holy in righteousness.”

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2) The Justice of God

I. Justice begins with the character of God

“God’s righteousness is His perfect absolute justice in and toward Himself, His prevention of any violation of the justice of His character, and His revelation of Himself in acts of justice.”

God’s justice and righteousness is the administration of His holiness towards His creation. It is the upholding of His holy and righteous character towards men.

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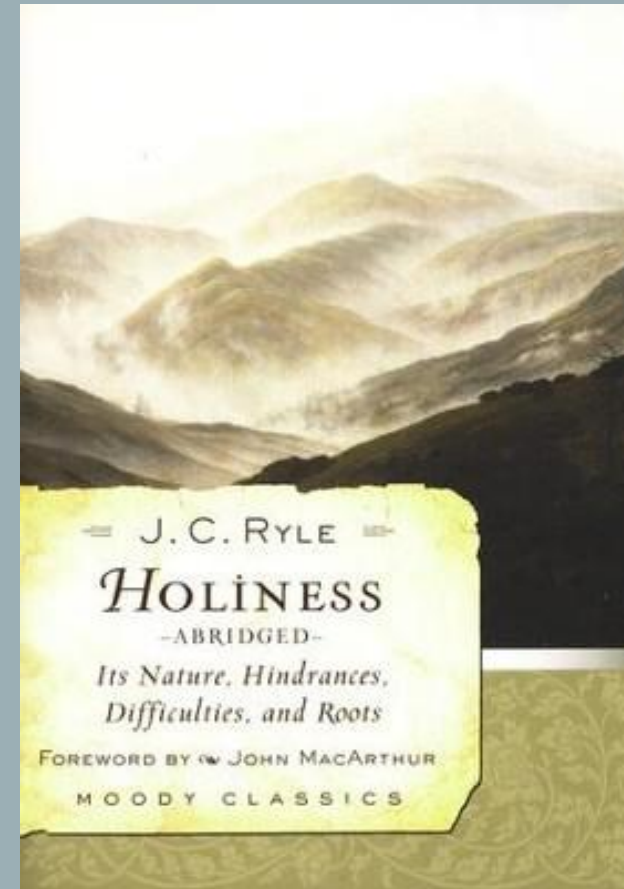
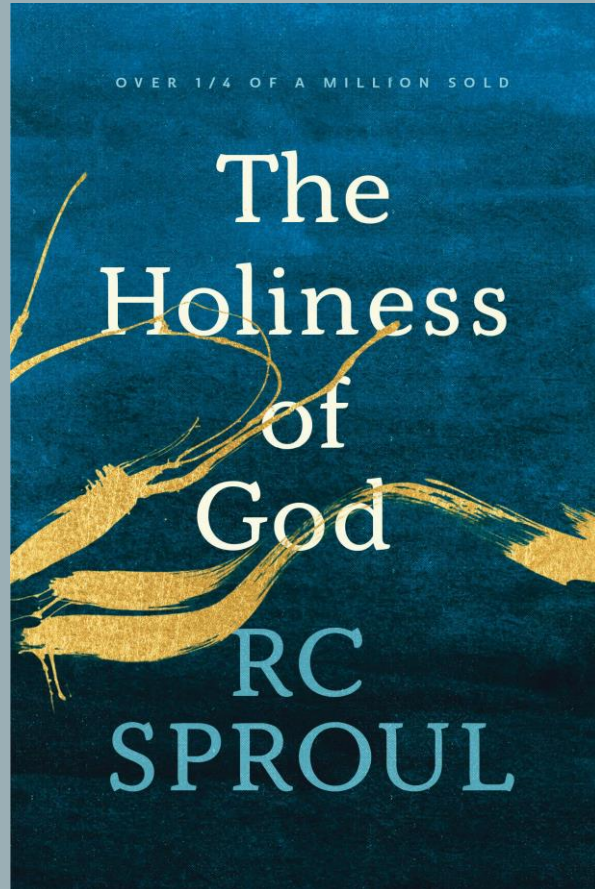
2) The Justice of God

2. Justice is beautifully pictured on the cross

2 Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Additional Resources:



Next Week:

The Attributes of God Pt. 2

Pat Hamblin