

Sunday Night Message

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*Psalm 99 – The Holiness of God*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 99

## **Introduction**

Notice vs. 3, 5, and 9 – God is Holy. Holiness is a subject that God's people seem to be ignoring these days. I do not think we have a problem understanding that God is holy, but the part that we struggle with is the fact that because God is holy, we as God's children, as God's ambassadors to this earth, are also supposed to be holy.

*"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 20:7)*

*"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." (1 Peter 1:15-16)*

The word, "holy", means to be sacred, ceremonially and morally. It means to be set apart, to be different. It means to be separated from this world. It means that we are to resemble God more than we resemble this world.

## **I The Reality of God On His Throne (vs. 1 – 2)**

**Note** - In the Old Testament, God met with His people between the cherubim on top of the mercy seat in the Tabernacle, and later, the Temple. It was a picture of the throne room in Heaven.

See Revelation 4

In the Old Testament, only the High Priest was permitted to enter into God's presence, and that was only once per year.

Hebrews 9:1 – 8

Among earthly kings it was also extremely difficult for a common man to come into his presence. King Ahazuerus had to hold out the golden scepter for Esther to be able to come into his presence.

It is extremely difficult to get a meeting with our president or our governor.

However, for the Christian, access to God is open without limit all because of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:14 - 16

## **II The Recognition of God's Holiness By His People (vs. 4, 6 – 7)**

The earthly king recognized and reflected God's holiness, and yielded themselves to His will. Moses and Aaron, and Samuel are mentioned here as well, yielding to the sovereignty of God.

### **III The Reciprocation of God to His People (v. 8)**

Because the people recognized and revered the holiness of God, God was merciful to them, but He also corrected them.

### **IV The Rally To The People To Exalt God's Holiness (vs. 3, 5, 9)**

The psalmist calls upon the people to worship and exalt the Lord.

### **Conclusion**

The best way for God's people to exalt the Lord is to recognize, reverence, and reflect the Holiness of the Lord.

#### **Holiness Is Reflected In An Attitude**

Holiness is not haughtiness. An attitude of holiness will not only reflect God's perfect righteousness, but it will also humbly reflect God's love with for sinners.

#### **Holiness Is Reflected In Your Actions**

Christians ought to be different from the rest of the world. There are things that we are not supposed to participate in. The things that you do, the words that you say, the people that you run with; all of these things need to reflect the holiness of God.

#### **Holiness Is Reflected In Your Appearance**

Christians ought to look different.

*"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." (1 Timothy 2:9-10)*

*"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:" (1 Peter 3:1-5)*