

“Is Our Picture of God Accurate?”

Learning the Kingdom Language of Faith

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We are on a quest to Speak the Language of the Virtue of Faith:

“Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.”

Hebrews 11:1-2

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**” Hebrews 11:6

Paul: “That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I **know whom I have believed**, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12

Today, in a single chapter of the Bible, we can see the 3 Primary Manifestations of God’s Holiness:

• God’s Holiness as _____

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Isaiah 6:1-5

Jesus: “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. **For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**” Luke 6:45

• God’s Holiness as _____

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:6-8

He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.”

¹⁰Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “For how long, Lord?” And he answered:

“Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant,

until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged,

¹²until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken.

¹³And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste.

But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.” Isaiah 6:9-13

• God’s Holiness as _____

“But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down,
so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.” Isaiah 6:13b

**“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.**

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.” Isaiah 11:1-3a

Conclusion: Is the God of the Bible still the God whom you believe exists?

All Scriptures are from the New International Version.

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