



If God exists, then what do you think he is like? What is the first characteristic that enters your mind? Why do you think that attribute came to your mind first?

Of all of God's attributes, which one do you think is the most significant in that it will influence all the others?

Isaiah 6:1-5 (NIV)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphs, 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."

What characteristic does the seraphim see as being all significant?

What does the word "holy" mean?

Holiness consists of two concepts:

1) _____

2) _____



Why do you think Isaiah responds the way he does in verse 5?

Isaiah became painfully aware of his own sinfulness as he stood before the Holy God.
How would you define sin?

Where do you think these insights leave us with regard to our relationship with God?

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy;
without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

SUMMARY:

What are the positive aspects of God's holiness?

What is the negative side of God's holiness with regard to us?

What are some examples of times we tend to question the goodness or holiness of God?

Is there any concept from this study that might affect your perspective about God or self?



HOME STUDY:

Read: The Gospel of Luke: Chapters 1-12

In the New Testament there are four Gospels that each tell about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). The word “gospel” simply means “good news”. Each of these four authors are setting out to tell us the good news about Jesus Christ. Why do we need four accounts?

Picture a car accident that takes place at a busy intersection. On each corner of the intersection there is a person that witnesses the accident and then tells others about what he saw. Each person, because of their vantage point, will relate slightly different aspects of the story and, depending on who he is talking to, will tell the story stressing different points. One person is presenting his account to a police officer, another to a news reporter, another to his friends and family, and another to his church congregation as a sermon illustration. Each story will be a true account of what happened, but different aspects of the story will be stressed depending on the message the witness wants to convey and who he is addressing. The details one would tell to the police office would be very different than the details one would draw out for his friends.

The gospel authors are writing to different groups of people and, therefore, also have a different purpose for writing. Each narrative is complete for the purpose it was written, but when read together, they give us a much richer understanding of the person of Jesus and what he came to accomplish. Luke shares with us his motive for writing in the very first few verses (Luke 1:1-4).