

Discovering the Holy God

- **Objective:** Learning to appreciate the amazing privilege it is to be in relationship with the Holy God.
- Text: I Peter 2:9-10

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

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- **A Glimpse of God**
 - Although God is approachable, He is God, and we should be filled with wonder that we can approach him.
 - Listen to what others describe who experienced the holiness of God.

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- Job 42:5-6
 - *“I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”*
- Hab. 3:16
- The Vision of Isaiah- Isaiah 6:1-5
- The Vision of John- Rev. 4:6-8

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- What is holiness?
 - **Separation**
 - Set apart like a holy day or holy hill.
 - Hosea 11:9a
 - **Absolute purity**
 - In God there is no hint of evil.
 - Sin infects man; it does not infect God

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- Unfortunately, we don't see ourselves as we should.
- Rather than comparing ourselves to God, we try to look at all the people around us and we deceive ourselves into thinking that we are not that bad.
- Question: Where do we see ourselves on a scale from 1-10 where 1 is equivalent to Hitler and 10 is the equivalent of Paul.

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- Try putting God at 10 instead of Paul like Isaiah and see where you wind up.
- Those hungering for God never take sin lightly.
- Listen to the response of those who encountered the holy God:
 - Isaiah 6:6-8
 - How do we do anything less?
- When we truly encounter the holy God it will change us also!