

**"BEHOLD YOUR GOD"**  
**ISAIAH 40**  
**" THE CHALLENGE OF ISAIAH 40:25 REGARDING THE HOLINESS OF GOD"**

**STATEMENT TO CONSIDER:** THE HOLINESS OF GOD IS NOT WHAT HE DOES, BUT WHAT HE IS.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:** BEFORE GOD SPEAKS OF HIS HOLINESS, HE ASKS TWO PRACTICAL AND SERIOUS QUESTIONS:

- 1) "To Whom do you Liken me?"
- 2) "To Whom am I Equal?"

LET'S FOCUS ON THOSE QUESTIONS

1) These questions MUST be considered by every human being...You and Me!

-WHO DO YOU LIKEN UNTO GOD? The point here is: WHO DO YOU COMPARE TO GOD....OR...WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF GOD?

- Do you compare God to a Heavenly Granddaddy?
- Do you compare God to your First Responder?
- Do you compare God to a Mean Grinch?
- Do you compare God to an Angry Judge?
- Do you compare God to an Indifferent Creator?

**NO ONE ON EARTH CAN COMPARE TO GOD!**

-WHO IS GOD'S EQUAL IN YOUR MIND? The point here is: WHO DO YOU PUT ON EQUAL TERMS WITH GOD?

- Your Earthly Father?
- Your Spiritual Leaders?
- Your self?

**NO ONE ON EARTH IS ANYWHERE EQUAL WITH GOD!**

2) These questions conclude a section of Isaiah 40 that begins with verse 18 in which we learn that:

- God is Paramount above all idols - Vss. 19,20
- God is Paramount above nature - Vs. 22
- God is Paramount above all earthly leaders - Vss. 23,24

3) These questions and their proper answers lead us to recognize that **GOD IS ALTOGETHER UNIQUE AND INCOMPARABLE TO ALL OTHER THINGS.** Note Isaiah 57:15

- God is above all things.
- God inhabits eternity.
- God's Name is Holy.
- God dwells in a high and holy place
- God dwells with those who are holy...contrite and humble!

**THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

1) The Holiness of God is:

- The absence of evil and the presence of positive right.
  - The attribute of God by which He wants to be known
- Leviticus 11:44  
-Psalm 99:3,5,9

2) The Holiness of God means that He is **completely separate from all that is spiritually unclean, sinful and evil.**

3) The **ABSOLUTE HOLINESS OF GOD** means that sinners **are separated from Him UNLESS** a way can be found to **"make them holy."** **THAT WAY WAS PROVIDED BY THE MERITS OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS** - John 14:6

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**I. GOD'S HOLINESS DIRECTS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN**

- Psalm 5:4

- A. God does not know ANY sin.
- B. God does not fellowship with ANY sin.
- C. God does not tolerate ANY sin.
- D. God must judge ALL sin.

ILLUSTRATION:

## **II. GOD'S HOLINESS DIRECTS HIS ACTIONS IN LIGHT OF SIN**

A. God has provided a way for ALL people to Overcome Sin...IT'S POWER, IT'S PENALTY AND IT'S PRESENCE  
= **SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST.**

B. God has given His GRACE in the face of OUR Sin

-Romans 5:20,21

C. God has offered MERCY in the face of OUR Sin

-Lamentations 3:22

D. God has LOVED us in Spite of our Sin

-Romans 5:6-8

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

- 1) God's Holiness should make us sensitive to our sin - Isaiah 6:3-5
- 2) God's Holiness should compel us to be holy - 1 Peter 1 Peter 1:15,16
- 3) God's Holiness should motivate us to Worship Him - Psalm 29:2

### **LESSON/APPLICATION:**

***1) EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD.***

***2) EVERY BELIEVER IN CHRIST SHOULD ALLOW THE HOLINESS OF GOD TO BE HIS STANDARD OF LIFE AND CONDUCT.***