

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own under-  
standing; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Isaiah 6:1-5 “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, *high and lifted up*, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: ‘*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!*’ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: ‘Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.’”

**Quote:** God is called The Holy One “because the sum of all moral Excellency is found in Him. He is absolute purity, unsullied even by the shadow of sin. Holiness is the very Excellency of the divine nature.” A.W.Pink

**W**ho is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, *glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*<sup>1</sup> Holy means “sacred” or “to be set apart.” God is set apart in *majestic holiness*— “For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place.’”<sup>2</sup> God is also set apart in *moral holiness*. “At the heart of the being of God is His essential righteousness, His infinite positive moral essence. He ‘is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.’”<sup>3</sup> Nothing will crush self-righteousness and foster humility more than an understanding of the absolute vileness of our sin against the stunning backdrop of God’s holiness.

Isaiah placed his vision of God’s holiness in the year that King Uzziah died from leprosy for his religious arrogance.<sup>4</sup> Of Isaiah’s vision, A.W. Tozer wrote, “The sudden realization of his personal depravity came like a stroke from heaven upon the trembling heart of Isaiah at the moment when he had his revolutionary vision of the holiness of God. His pain-filled cry expresses the feeling of every man who has discovered himself under his disguises and has been confronted with an inward sight of the holy whiteness that is God. Such an

experience cannot but be emotionally violent. Until we have seen ourselves as God sees us, we are not likely to be much disturbed over conditions around us as long as they do not get so far out of hand as to threaten our comfortable way of life. We have learned to live with unholiness and have come to look upon it as the natural and expected thing. We cannot grasp the true meaning of the divine holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. *God’s holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered.* We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable. The natural man is blind to it. He may fear God’s power and admire His wisdom, but His holiness he cannot even imagine. Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. *He is that standard.* He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because He is holy, His attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy.”

“The loss of the traditional vision of God as holy is now manifested everywhere in the evangelical world. It is the key to understanding why sin and grace have become such empty terms.... Divorced from the holiness of God, our gospel becomes indistinguishable from any of a host of alternative self-help doctrines.”<sup>6</sup> We who have been saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone must embrace Peter’s challenge to “Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, *not conforming yourselves to the former lusts*, as in your ignorance; but **as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’”<sup>7</sup> The greatest gift that a grateful heart can give to a gracious God is a life of pursuing holiness every day and in every way for His glory.<sup>8</sup>

## God is Holy!

1 Ex.15:11 2 Isa.57:15 3 I Tim.6:16; I Jn.1:5; Bunyan Ministries 4 II Chron.26:4-5, 16-21 5 *Knowledge of the Holy*, 1978 6 “Is God’s Holiness Essential?” David Wells 7 I Peter 1:13-17 8 Eph.5:8; Col.1:10; 2 Cor.4:4