

## **HOLINESS! WHAT'S THAT?**

The biblical understanding of Holiness should not be hard to explain.

- Holiness does not refer to worship style.
- Holiness does not refer to the Pope in Rome.
- Holiness is not a subjective concept.
- Holiness does not change with culture.

### **1. An Inventory of Traits**

- A. We all have a personal inventory of traits.
- B. Holiness is an “umbrella term” for a particular collection of characteristics.

### **2. The Personality of God**

*(Psalms 77:13) God, Your way is holy.*

- A. Holiness is an inventory of “perfect and pure” characteristics that describe God’s personality.
- B. There is no holiness apart from God.

*(Isaiah 5:16) The Holy God is distinguished by righteousness.*

- C. God is unique in His holiness.

*(1 Samuel 2:2) There is no one holy like the Lord.*

- D. “Holy” is used as a prefix to God’s name more than any other title.

*(Isaiah 6:3) “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts; His glory fills the whole earth.*

*(Revelation 4:8) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.*

*(Isaiah 57:15) For the High and Exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy.*

*(Isaiah 43:15) God says, “I am the Lord, your Holy One...”*

*(Exodus 15:11) Lord, who is like You among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness...*

*(Psalm 71:22) I will sing to You with a harp, Holy One of Israel...*

### **3. The Propensity of Man**

- A. We all have a desire to be holy like our God.
- B. It is our search to be like God that shapes who we become.

*(Leviticus 11:44) “I am the Lord your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy.”*

*(Leviticus 19:2) “Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.”*

*(1 Peter 1:15) As the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, “Be holy, because I am holy.”*

Holiness is an inventory of perfect and pure characteristics  
that describes God’s personality.  
God’s holiness is what separates Him from us  
and renders us “unholy”.