

# **\*The Heights Baptist Church \* Sermon Series: Doctrine\***

## **\* Topic: The Attributes of God \* Various Verses \* 1/25/26 \***

### MAIN POINT

“God is great: He is all powerful, all knowing, ever present, unchanging, completely worthy of our trust, and above all, Holy. It is in Him that we live, move and exist. God is good. He calls Himself our Father. He is loving, compassionate, and faithful to His people and His promises.”

(This quote is from The Heights website, under “Beliefs”)

### INTRODUCTION

**When was a time when you, a family member, or someone else you know felt unworthy of something or someone? How did that make you or them feel?**

**What are the benefits of recognizing our unworthiness before God? Specifically, what are the benefits to our relationships, our outreach efforts, as well as our own spiritual growth?**

People can experience the sense of feeling unworthy in the presence of a famous person, or perhaps in the presence of an authority figure. Whatever the case, the thrill, insecurity, or reverence can't begin to touch the experience of being gripped by the holiness of God. The holiness of God is described in the pages of Scripture as an overpowering experience. Great men are terrified. However, the good news is that God chooses to be near and engaged with His people to make them holy like He is holy.

In today's lesson, we will be continuing our look at doctrine in the church. This lesson will be focusing on some of the key attributes of God. We will be considering the following attributes of God:

- God's holiness
- God's omnipotence
- God's omniscience
- God's immutability
- God's sustaining presence
- God's goodness
- God's love and compassion
- God's faithfulness

### UNDERSTANDING

#### GOD IS HOLY

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ ISAIAH 6:1-7

**What does this passage tell us about God's holiness?**

**What is the significance of the angels repeating “holy” three times while covering their faces and their feet?**

The mighty angels covering themselves shows their unworthiness before God. The number three in the Bible signifies divine perfection. The repetition of “holy” in this passage gives force and weight to His holiness. God isn't just holy. He is Holy, holy, holy!

**What do you suppose Isaiah meant when he said that he was “ruined”?**

**What does this passage teach us about the effects of God's holiness on sinful people?**

**What does this passage teach us about the effects of God's grace on sinful people?**

*“There is a pattern here. A pattern repeated in history. God appears, people quake in terror, God forgives and heals, God sends. From brokenness to mission is the human pattern.” R. C. Sproul, “The Holiness of God”*

**Based on the verses we’ve read from Isaiah 6, what words would you use to describe God?**

Holiness means separateness and without contamination. God is pure, righteous, perfect, and set apart from everything evil and unclean. In His presence, people are gripped by their own sinfulness. But God doesn’t want us to simply wallow in our unworthiness, He wants us to recognize our desperate need for Him. More than that, He wants to reach out to us in His grace and make us holy as He is holy.

*“When the Bible calls God holy, it means primarily that God is transcendently separate. He is so far above and beyond us that He seems almost totally foreign to us.” R. C. Sproul, “The Holiness of God”*

**GOD IS OMNIPOTENT**

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ JOB 42:2 AND JEREMIAH 32:17

**What does this passage tell us about God’s omnipotence?**

God is all powerful.

**GOD IS OMNISCIENT AND OMNIPRESENT**

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ 1 KINGS 8:27, PSALM 139:7-10, AND 1 JOHN 3:20

**What does this passage tell us about God’s omniscience?**

God is everywhere and knows everything. God is still on “plan A”, nothing catches God by surprise, and there are no maverick molecules in the universe.

**GOD IS ETERNAL AND UNCHANGING**

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ PSALM 90:2 AND MALACHI 3:6

**What does this passage tell us about God’s immutability?**

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**GOD SUSTAINS US**

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ ISAIAH 46:3-4 AND COLOSSIANS 1:17

**What does this passage tell us about God’s sustaining presence?**

God sustains the universe, and He sustains us.

**GOD IS GOOD**

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ 1 CHRONICLES 16:34 AND PSALM 25:8

**What does this passage tell us about God’s goodness?**

God is good. There is no evil in Him.

GOD IS LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ PSALM 86:18, 2 PETER 3:9, AND 1 JOHN 4:8

**What does this passage tell us about God's love and compassion?**

God loves us, and has a deep, active empathy for us. God wants everyone to come to repentance.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ DEUTERONOMY 7:9 AND LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

**What does this passage tell us about God's faithfulness?**

God always comes through with His promises and never lets us down.

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS, JUST, AND MERCIFUL

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ PSALM 33:5, PSALM 36:5-7, ROMANS 3:23-26, AND ROMANS 5:8

**Justice and mercy appear to be two qualities that are at odds with each other. How did God maintain both of these qualities while allowing us sinners to become justified in His sight?**

These two attributes of God resulted in Jesus going to the cross for us.

APPLICATION

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO READ PROVERBS 29:25

**What are the main points this Proverb is making?**

Being overly concerned about what people think or might do to us is a trap. The opposite of this is placing our faith and reliance on God, who by his very nature will provide us with true safety, protection, and security.

ASK VOLUNTEERS TO READ MATTHEW 10:28, JOHN 5:44, AND GALATIANS 1:10

**Based on the attributes of God we've considered today, what lesson can we apply to our lives from these verses?**

*"If I understand this correctly, Christ taught here the alarming doctrine that the desire for honor among men made belief impossible." A. W. Tozer, "The Pursuit of God"*

PRAYER

Praise God for who He is. Praise Him for His holiness, sovereignty, power, and infinite wisdom and glory. Pray that He would transform our hearts and minds so that we wouldn't allow the fact we have been adopted into His family and the fact we can call Him our Father to cloud our grasp of who He is. Thank Him for His lovingkindness, faithfulness, and compassion. Pray He would help us continue to get to know Him better, and as a result, to praise Him and rely on Him more.

**Note to study leader:** *Since this lesson is comprised of many individual passages from scripture rather than one larger chunk of scripture, the usual Commentary section is not included in this lesson.*