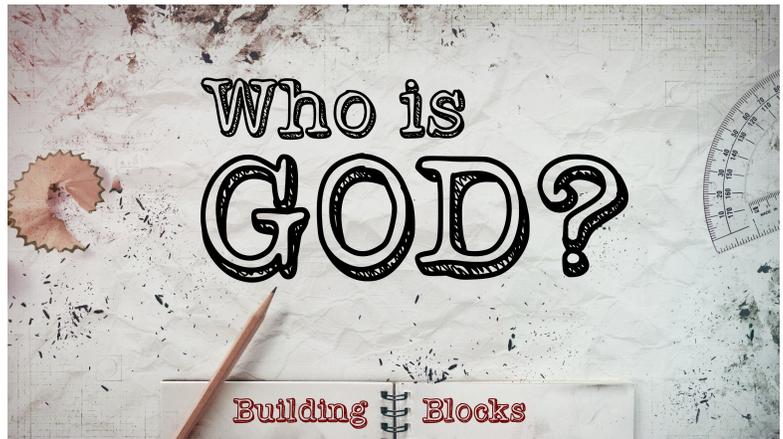


3 • God is Holy

“Who is God?” That’s the really important question we’re exploring together, and we’ve learned so far that God is our Creator, the great “I AM” who has always been, is everywhere, knows everything, and can do anything. **Psalm 19:1-6** is a good summary of where we’ve been so far in this study.



But here’s a really, really important question: is such a powerful being GOOD? Just because someone is powerful doesn’t automatically mean that they are good or do good, and that’s what makes **Psalm 19:7-11** such good news.

- The law of the LORD is _____, reviving the soul;
- The testimony of the LORD is _____, making wise the simple;
- The precepts of the LORD are _____, rejoicing the heart;
- The commandment of the LORD is _____, enlightening the eyes;
- The fear of the LORD is _____, enduring forever;
- The rules of the LORD are _____ and righteous altogether.



God isn’t 99.99% pure. God is _____% pure. One of the words in the Bible to help us understand that truth is _____.

... as he who called you is holy, _____ be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Pet 1:15-16)

What does the Bible call it when we choose *not* to be holy as God is holy? _____. And that’s a really **BIG** problem. Why? “For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may _____ dwell with you” (Psa 5:4).

What’s SIN? Sin is following anything that leads _____ from what our holy Creator _____ in (**Isa 65:12**; **1 John 1:5-6**). So how can I be holy like God? Let’s listen really carefully to **1 John 1:7**:

But if we _____ in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son _____ us from all sin.

Holiness is choosing to do what my holy Creator delights in. What does he love? That’s what I need to learn to love. What does he separate himself from? I need to follow his lead.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Looking back at **Psalm 19:1-6**, how would you summarize what David is telling us about our amazing Creator? Where can we see traces of his power and glory each and every day, all around us?

- Let's slow down and really think about what David is telling us in **Psalm 19:7-11**. What do you think he means when he tells us that...
 - The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul?

 - The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple?

 - The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart?

 - The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes?

 - The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever?

 - The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether?

 - Are they really worth more than a whole lot of gold? If so, in what ways?

 - Notice how David concludes this thought in **19:11**. What do you think he means?

- In your own words, what does it mean to “be holy” (**1 Pet 1:15-16**)?

- How does sin sometimes make it look like it would be a really good idea to wander away from God? Is that ever a good idea?

- If we're going to “walk in the light” (**1 John 1:7**) this week, what's that going to look like?