**The Real God Series October 9, 2022**

**The Holiness of God – Psalm 99**

* Holy / Holiness
	+ God is **absolutely distinct** from all His creatures and is exalted above them in infinite majesty and purity” (Louis Berkhof)
	+ Separation from all that is common or unclean (Charles Ryrie)
	+ God is totally, completely and fully separated from sin
	(Wayne Grudem)
* There is **no one like God** Psalm 99:1-3
	+ His Holiness is one of His attributes that separates creation from Creator
	+ Many theologians believe all of God’s other attributes flow from His Holiness
	+ Exodus 15:11
	Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?
	Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
	Awesome in praises, working wonders?

God who Rules Over the Universe is Holy

* Emphasizes the **Kingly rule of God**
	+ “The Lord reigns”
	+ “He is enthroned above the cherubim”
* The response of God’s people is **awe, reverence and praise**
	+ “let the peoples tremble”
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	+ “Let them praise Your great and awesome name”
* Power (strength), grace (equity), righteousness, and justice are all united together in the **perfection of God’s Holiness**
	+ The response to the these characteristics is also worship
	“Exalt the Lord our God”
	“And worship at His footstool;”
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The Lord is **Merciful** Psalm 99:6-9

* Moses, Aaron and Samuel serve as examples for us as servants of the Lord who called out to Him
	+ God heard their pleas
	+ God forgave their sins
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* The response to God’s mercy is
	+ To lift up (exalt) Him
	+ To **declare His worth** (worship) in prayer and praise
	+ To revere the Holiness of the Lord our God

**What does this mean for me?**

* Because God is Holy, He **calls us to holiness**
	+ Leviticus 11:44
	For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.
* Each of us must evaluate our conduct (i.e. words, actions, thoughts) and test it with a simple question
	+ **Is it holy**?
	+ Does it or can it bring glory to God?
* God is perfect in His holiness, yet that does not mean as sinners we **cannot approach Him**
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