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

**The Holiness of God – Psalm 99**

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  + 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)
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* 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
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    Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?   
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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

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  + God heard their pleas
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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
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  + Does it or can it bring glory to God?
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