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GOD IS

HOLY
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Holy, Holy, Holy

- Holy, Holy, Holy was written by Reginald Heber in 1826
- After his graduation from college, he became rector of his father's church in the village of Hodnet in the west of England
- He was appointed Bishop of Calcutta in 1823 & worked tirelessly for three years until he died of a stroke
- The hymn is a powerful expression of God's holiness, the majesty of the Trinity & the worship that all creation offers to the Lord

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*



THE
HOLINESS
OF
GOD

The Holiness of God

- The holiness of God refers to the unparalleled majesty of His incomparable being & His blameless, faultless, unblemished moral purity
- The threefold repetition of "Holy" reflects God's infinite holiness

***3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”
(Isaiah 6:3 ESV)***

The Holiness of God

8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”
(Revelation 4:8 ESV)

- This repetition is a way of expressing His supreme holiness above all

The Holiness of God

- Worshiping God early in the morning symbolizes our dependence on Him at the start of each day

*3 O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
(Psalm 5:3 ESV)*

The Holiness of God

- God's mercy & might coexist, showing His perfect balance of power & love

11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, 2 and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work (Psalm 62:11-12 ESV)

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*



All of creation is a
song of praise to God.

All of Creation is a Song of Praise to God

- All believers are saints & will cast their crowns before God in heaven, showing our submission to His sovereignty
 - Imperishable Crown
 - Crown of Rejoicing
 - Crown of Righteousness
 - Crown of Glory
 - Crown of Life
- This speaks to the eternal nature of worship in heaven

All of Creation is a Song of Praise to God

*10 “the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”
(Revelation 4:10-11 ESV)*

- Cherubim and seraphim are angelic beings who worship God continually

All of Creation is a Song of Praise to God

- Their worship reflects God's worthiness and holiness.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Isaiah 6:2-3 ESV)

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(Revelation 4:8 ESV)


- God is eternal

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

(Revelation 1:8 ESV)

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

A sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sky is a mix of deep blue, purple, and orange. A large, dark cloud is in the center, with bright rays of light breaking through it from behind. The sun is partially obscured by the cloud, creating a bright glow. The ocean is visible at the bottom, reflecting the colors of the sky.

**God's Glory
&
Holiness**

God's Glory & Holiness

- Sinful man cannot see God's glory due to sin
- This concept is reflected in Exodus, where God tells Moses that no one can see His face & live

20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." (Exodus 33:20 ESV)

- In John, it states that no one has ever seen God

18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:18 ESV)

God's Glory & Holiness

- There is none like God & there is no one holy like Him
*2 “There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
(1 Samuel 2:2 ESV)*
- God's has great power and infinite understanding,
5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 147:5 ESV)

God's Glory & Holiness

- His power as beyond our reach

23 The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power; justice and abundant righteousness he will not violate. (Job 37:23 ESV)

- God's love is perfect and unconditional

God's Glory & Holiness

- God demonstrated His love through Jesus' sacrifice

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8 ESV)

- God calls believers to purify themselves as He is pure

3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (1 John 3:3 ESV)

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THE
TRIUNE GOD

Triune God

- The Trinity reveals the three persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—united in essence and purpose, yet distinct in personhood

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (Matthew 28:19 ESV)

Triune God

- God's mercy and might are perfectly balanced
- He is both powerful and loving, ready to forgive


8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 103:8 ESV)

Discussion Questions

- In what ways do you experience or understand God's holiness in your life?
- What does it mean to you that God's love is perfect & pure?
- How does understanding God as merciful and mighty encourage you in difficult times?
- How can we as believers reflect God's holiness in our daily lives?

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A scenic view of a beach with waves, a white cross, and birds in the sky. The background shows a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. In the foreground, there are some green and brown plants. A large white cross is superimposed on the left side of the image. The sky is blue with a few birds flying. The text "Senior Bible Study Ministry" is written in a bold, black font across the top right of the image.

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