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### The Attributes of God - Part 10

## Holiness-Justice-Wrath

### I. Holiness (*Separate – set apart*)

Attribute which describes God as morally separate and unique from all other creatures. He is absolute purity and perfection.

#### a. Unique

**Without a like or equal – unmatched:  
Unequaled**

- Rev 15:4
- I Samuel 2:2

#### b. Infinite holiness

- Isaiah 57:15
- Job 25:5
- I John 1:5
- Exodus 15:11

#### Rev. 4:1-8 AMP

AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future.

At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!

And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like [a rainbow of] emerald.

Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the throne, and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders (*the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin*), arrayed in white clothing, with crowns of gold upon their heads.

Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit];

And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal.

And around the throne, in the center at each side of the throne, were four living creatures (*beings*) who were full of eyes in front and behind [with intelligence as to what is before and at the rear of them]. The first living creature (*being*) was like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature [was] like a flying eagle.

And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (*Omnipotent*), Who was and Who is and Who is to come.

#### Isaiah 6:1-5

#### Psalms 89:7

#### Psalms 111:9+10a

## II. Justice - Righteousness

(used synonymously)

Attribute of God which describes God's fairness, Just treatment and impartiality toward all his creatures.

It is the holiness of God as manifested and applied in moral government.

- Ps. 33:5 • Job 8: 3,34
- Deut. 2:4 • Ps. 89:14 • Ps 145:17

### Justice – Includes impartiality

- Deut. 10:17
- II Chron. 19:7
- Rom. 2:6+11 AMP

### Holiness & Justice meet at the cross

- Ps 103:10 • I Jn. 1:9

## III. Wrath (Anger, indignation, vengeance, fury)

This attribute (perfection) of God is His eternal detestation of all unrighteousness.

The outworking of His holiness & justice demands wrath.

God does not apologize for His wrath as though it is a less perfect part of His being

- Ps. 7:11 • Deut. 28: 59-63 • Rev. 19:1-3

### Eternal is present

- Jn. 3:36 • Rom. 1:18 • Rom. 13:4
- Num. 20: 8-12

### Eternal includes future

#### Rom. 2:5-6

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

#### Luke 12:5

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

- Deut. 4:23-24 • Matt. 23:33
- Matt 11:23 • Rev. 21:8
- II Cor. 5:10-11