

"Not Like That, Like This"

Week 3

KEY PASSAGES:

Matt. 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'"

Exodus 15:11 Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

1 Samuel 6:20 Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God?

Romans 8:15 The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Ezekiel 36:21-23 I had concern for my holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. Therefore say to the Israelites, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord", declares the Sovereign Lord.

Exodus 3:5,6: "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Habakkuk 3:3-4,6,16 His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden... He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble... I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled.

Job 42:5-6 My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

Luke 5:8: When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Isaiah 6:1-4 I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." The doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:5,8 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." ...Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

QUESTIONS:

1. Two opening illustration questions from Sunday's message: **a)** think of some example of where two seemingly contradictory things coexist side by side; **b.** share a time you experienced / witnessed something that took your breath away, overwhelmed you with how grand, majestic, or beautiful it was, leaving you feeling small or unworthy.
2. What are / were your earliest associations of the phrase "hallowed be Thy name"?
3. Read Exodus 15:11 and 1 Samuel 6:20 above, then read Romans 8:15. How do you make sense of those together?
4. "Hallowed be Your name" is the first of what have been called 'Thou petitions' in the Lord's prayer--requests for God to act regarding His character. This can literally translate as "Your name, may it be made holy." How do you think God acts to affirm & proclaim His holiness--to make His name holy?
5. Throughout scripture, when people catch a glimpse of God's power & greatness, they respond with awe, fear and ultimately worship. A few mentioned: Moses and the burning bush, Habakkuk and his 'splendor like the sunrise' vision, God telling Job to sit down and shut up, Peter seeing the miraculous fish catch, then saying "get away from me Lord, I'm a sinful man!" ...whether one of these or another, what scriptural example you can identify with most?
6. RC Sproul writes: "An encounter with the holiness of God is always a traumatic experience. The Scriptures record events when men were allowed to see something of the holiness of God. Their response was always despair because they were forced to see their own sinfulness. This experience is positive, however, because it helps us to understand more adequately who God is, and to realize that our standing before Him is based on His grace rather than our merit." Talk about this quote together.

Application: Read Isaiah 6:5,8 above. We are called to be agents of God making His name holy--to be sent out, to go and proclaim God's greatness through how we live our lives. How can we do that? How can *you* do that?