

# Your Kingdom Come: Lesson #2

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## God is Holy

"And the Lord spoke to Moses saying, 'Speak to the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.'" (Leviticus 19:1-2) Holiness is God's very nature. Holiness is pure, clean, right, true, honest, and beautiful. God is full of light and life.

There is no darkness in God. God wants us to be holy like He is holy. Holiness is good and pleasant, it is not harsh or bitter. Holiness is so much more than the absence of sin, it is the presence of God's goodness, beauty, and wholeness. Holiness is like perfect fruit that is pleasant to see and smell, good to taste, and deeply satisfying. Holy people are like God, full of the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The spirit of God produces this fruit in us as we grow and mature as Christians, becoming more like God. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Consider what the fruit of holiness tells us about God. God is love. He is not cold, distant, or uncaring. God is joyful. He is not sad or depressed. God is at peace. He is not in turmoil and He is never anxious or afraid. Everything is under God's control. God is patient. He is not in a hurry, and He is not pushy or demanding. God is kind and gentle. He is not cruel or harsh. God is good, and everything He does is good. God is faithful. He will not break His word. He will not fail to keep all His promises. He will not leave us. And everything is under God's control.

When Isaiah had a vision of God and His holiness, he cried out, "whoa is me, I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Every one of us, every man woman and child, fall short of God's holiness. Every one of us needs to come before God in humility, with a broken and contrite heart and confess our sin. (Isaiah 6:1-5)

Everything that is contrary to God's holiness and God's will as King is sin, and sin leads to death. God hates sin, because it destroys people He created and loves, and it has marred the beautiful world He has created. God loves sinners, every man, woman and child who ever lived, and He desires to set them free from the bondage to sin and the death it produces.

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