

# Core Value: High View of God

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## Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

*What comes into your minds when we think of God is the most important thing about us*  
.—A.W. Tozer

*Worship is pure or base as the worshipper entertains high or low thoughts of God*  
.—A.W. Tozer

*The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him*  
—A.W. Tozer

**I. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God to know him as he \_\_\_\_\_ is.**

## Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

## Psalms 34:11

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

## Deuteronomy 4:10

how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’

## Deuteronomy 17:18–19

**18** “And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. **19** And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,

**II. There are three \_\_\_\_\_ of not having a high view of God.**

**A. If we don’t have a high view of God, we will pursue self-righteousness instead of true holiness.**

**Leviticus 11:44**

For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

**Leviticus 19:2**

“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

**Leviticus 20:7**

Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.

**Leviticus 20:26**

You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

**B. If we don't have a high view of God, it will lead to a toleration of sin.**

**C. If we don't have a high view of God, we will have an inappropriate focus on men.**

**III. How do we \_\_\_\_\_ a high view of God at Crossway Church?**

**A. The church must teach with a primary focus on promoting God's holiness.**

**B. The church must practice Biblical reproof and restoration.**

**C. The church must not compromise truth in an effort to please people.**

**D. When we study Scripture, it must be an effort to study God.**

**E. Preaching must be God-centered not man-centered.**

**F. Teaching of children must be God-centered.**

**G. Worship songs should speak of the mercy and love of God without neglecting His other attributes some are inclined to forget (e.g. righteousness, justice, holiness, sovereignty, and wrath).**

Do you have **questions/comments** about Crossway's core value—*high view of God*—that you would like to **discuss with a pastor?**

*\*\* We want to answer your questions! Notes you make in this box at the end of each section can help jog your memory on things to bring up when you meet with a pastor as part of Crossway's membership process \*\**