



PRAY FIRST - DAILY DEVOTIONAL

DAY 4

Often people think of the holiness of God like a flashlight. It shines a light on all your sin and shows how depraved and destructive you are. Its goal is to make sure you know how perfect He is and how sinful you are. And that's true. No one can stand in the presence of God's holiness and think they are fine. God's holiness will highlight your depravity. His holiness will turn the lights on your selfishness, greed, lust, unforgiveness, jealousy, and whatever sin you give it a chance to feature.

But if that's all His holiness does, then we have missed the point.

God's holiness also reveals to me what or who I believe. God's holiness names my idols and pulls back the curtain on my worship. In turn, I see the truth and realize my idols are simply fuel for my unbelief and sin. God's holiness helps me see that all the idols in my life are false and lacking. Their only goal is to tempt me to sin, causing me to move my focus from the beauty of God's holiness to their broken promises that never satisfy. God's holiness smashes my idols and helps me put my trust in the only One who is worthy of all my worship.

When I see the holiness of God, I will trust Him completely!

As Jackie Hill Perry writes, *"If God is holy, then He can't sin. If God can't sin, then He can't sin against me. If He can't sin against me, shouldn't that make Him the most trustworthy being there is?"*¹

That is profound. Because God is Holy, you can fully trust Him. You don't have to doubt who He is or what He does. You can be confident that God's ways will always impact you for the better. His correction, leading, discipline, and love can be fully trusted because they are rooted in His holiness.

READ: Jeremiah 17:7-8; Proverbs 3:5-6

JOURNAL (Reflect):

- What specifically, Lord, do you want to highlight for me in these Scriptures?
- Lord, are there any areas of my life where I am not fully trusting you?
- Lord, how can a clearer understanding of your holiness cause me to trust you more?

¹ Jackie Hill Perry, *Holier Than Thou*, pg.2

PRAY:

- Use what God shows you in your reflection time as points for prayer.