

EVERY WOMAN'S HOPE
THE DOCTRINE OF GOD'S GOODNESS — PART ONE

Session 7 — January 25, 2023

REVIEW

THE BIG PICTURE

God's perfections (or attributes) are described in Scripture so that we can better understand who He is as both infinitely great and infinitely good.

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION

- 1) To be able to recall & describe the meaning of God's holiness, righteousness, justice, and wrath.
- 2) To understand how these four qualities relate to moral purity.
- 3) To understand the relationship between the moral qualities of God and the harmony that exists among them (Sessions 7-9).
- 4) To cultivate understanding that will lead to increased trust, love, and commitment toward a pure, true, and loving God.

KEY VERSE TO MEMORIZE

*"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15, ESV*

— or —

*'And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy,
and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.'" Leviticus 20:26, NKJV*

1 GOD'S HOLINESS

DEFINITION OF HOLINESS "When we say, 'God is holy,' we mean He is totally separated from all that is unholy, defiling, or contrary to His nature." Carl Laney, Understanding Christian Theology, pg 188

1. Read the following verses and make note:

Ex. 15:11 ~

Lev 11:44 ~

1 Sam 2:2 ~

Ps 99:3,5,9 ~

Isa 6:1-3 ~

Isa 40:25 ~

Isa 57:15 ~

1 Pet 1:15-16 ~

Rev 4:8 ~

2. Using the Blue Letter Bible and looking at any of these verses, what is the meaning of the word Holy?

3. What has God called to change, give rid of, avoid, run from, etc. in order to follow Him in holiness?

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE and WRATH

DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS "God's righteousness means that God always acts in accordance with what is right and is Himself the final standard of what is right" (Wayne Grudem, Bible Doctrine, pg 93)

DEFINITION OF JUSTICE In its simple sense, justice is "the practice of giving reward or punishment for what is rightly due to a person or group of people" (Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms, pg 69).

4. Read Deuteronomy 32:1-5. Using the Blue Letter Bible, what do you learn about the following words/phrases:

Vs. 4 ~ Just ~

Vs. 4 ~ Righteous ~

Vs. 5 ~ They have acted corruptly ~

Vs 5 ~ because of their defect ~

5. Read Psalm 11. How is God's righteousness and justice revealed through this Psalm?

6. Read Psalm 145:17-21. How does the Lord respond to those who call upon Him in truth? How are we to respond to Him?

7. Read Romans 3:21-26. How is God's justice offered in response to sin?

DEFINITION OF WRATH By wrath we mean God's judicial response, intense anger, and righteous hatred against all evil and defiance contrary to his holy and righteous nature. God exercises His wrath to administer His justice.

8. Read Nahum 1:2-8. What do you learn about the wrath of God?

How do you reconcile vs 7 and 8?

9. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

10. Read Romans 2:5-6 and John 3:16-21. What do you learn about how God administers His wrath?

11. Read Romans 3:21-26. What is the way of escape from God's wrath?

12. In what ways has this lesson deepened your understanding and appreciating regarding God's call on your life?