

CHARACTER OF GOD: HOLINESS

The Hebrew word for “to be holy” (qadash) comes from the root word “qad” which means to cut or separate. The same idea is conveyed in New Testament words “hagiazō” and “hagios”. Thus it is not correct to think of holiness primarily as a moral or religious quality. The fundamental idea of holiness in the Bible is that of a position or relationship existing between God and some person or thing.

The Scriptural idea of holiness is two-fold.

1. God is absolutely distinct from all His creatures and is exalted above them in infinite majesty.

Exodus 15:11

I Samuel 2:2

Isaiah 57:15

Hosea 11:9

2. God is ethically pure, so He eternally wills and maintains His own moral excellence, abhors sin, and demands purity in His moral creatures.

Job 34:10

Habakkuk 1:12-13

I Peter 1:13-16

Revelation 4:8

APPLICATION:

-Write out in 2-3 sentences what you learned about God’s holiness.

-How should a proper view of God’s holiness affect my life?