

The Holiness of God

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[00:00:06.520] [Applause]

[00:00:06.520] That's my daughter, Rachel Farrar. She wasn't ready to let go of daddy yet, so they had to come and say hi to everybody. Say hi, everybody! All right, wanna go back to mom?

[00:00:27.750] Hi, mom?

[00:00:30.560] My little girl. Coming up on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a very sad time in our home. I know it's not supposed to be, but last Thanksgiving I had bought my little girl a rabbit, tiny rabbit, and a little over a year ago. And she loved this rabbit. We named it Hop-sing, the little Chinese Rabbit. [Audience laughter] You like that? Hop-sing. Hop-sing was so cool because every morning, you know, Hop-sing would come up to our sliding glass door and just kind of look there like like he was begging and my little girl would go up to him and, you know, give him a carrot. But she loved this rabbit. She took him everywhere. She dressed him up, put him in her doll house and everything else. And she just loved this rabbit.

[00:01:13.910] And every day, you know, this rabbit just cuddle up with her and was like one of her best little buddies. Well, last Thanksgiving, I had my family over for Thanksgiving, which was like a first. I had all my family over, you know, relatives and stuff and. My wife says, hey, you know, I haven't seen Hop-sing this morning, you know, can you go look for him? So I go out in the backyard, you know, to look for Hop-sing because that's where we keep him. And and I don't see him anywhere. And then I notice that one of the planks from our wooden fence was down and actually was broken off. And so one of the neighbor's dogs, they have this big German shepherd had come over and he ate our rabbit [audience laughter]. I know, it was sad, and I you

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know, I've never really attached to animals, but that rabbit, I was, you know, he was family and and I I'm totally bummed. And I walk in to the house and and I'm scared, you know, now I'm going to tell my wife. And, you know, so I go in and Lisa's in the kitchen where she - I'm not gonna say it - she she's in the kitchen - I didn't say it. And and she's she's just cooking or something. And I go, Lise, you're not going to believe this. She goes, What? She goes, don't tell me. I go, Yeah the neighbor's dog got through the fence and they just left the pile of fur on the lawn. And so they ate it, you know?

[00:02:34.410] And so we're both pretty bummed. And, you know, she's starting to tear up a little bit. And then we think now we've got to tell Rachel, how in the world are we going to tell Rachel? And it's Thanksgiving. You know, my family's around having a good time. And and we call Rachel into the kitchen and and we explain to her what happens. You know, I we don't know how to tell her. So I go Lisa, you tell her and Lisa just kind of looks at her and goes, Rachel, Hop-sing's, not with us anymore. And, you know, Rachel's like, go get him! [audience laughter] and and my wife's going, no, you don't understand. He's he's never coming back because he's gone and he died. And Rachel goes, well, just get him back. You know, she didn't understand the concept of dying. And I could see my wife wasn't making much progress. So I looked at Rachel. Rachel, the dog ate your rabbit [audience laughter].

[00:03:30.190] And the weirdest thing, you know, I'm thinking was probably a little too harsh, but, you know, she she looks at me, she goes, can I have a white one now? I thought, wait a second. No, no, Rachel, you don't get it. You know, the dog ate your bunny. I go, do you understand what that means? You know, because she was too casual I figured she didn't get it: the dog ate your bunny. And this is what she does. Literally. She looks at me, she goes, Yeah, yeah. The bunny said, "don't eat me" and the dog said, "I'm going to eat you." And she acts out

the whole thing. And it was like, no big deal there. She's so casual. And I'm thinking, how can this little girl be so casual about it? I mean, I'm angry. I'm mad at the neighbors. I'm thinking, you know, I've got my family over. You know, I'm thinking, come on. We're going to eat their dog, you know, and I'm fired up, right, - just kidding, we eat turkey like everyone else.

[00:04:30.970] But but even to this day, even to this day, I mean, you can go up to my little girl afterwards and say, Hey, Rachel, what happened to your Rabbit? You know, and she'll go, you know, "dog ate it," you know, no big deal. Still so casually and still in my mind, I'm like, gosh, that doesn't seem to make sense because she seems like such a sensitive girl and and maybe doesn't understand what it means. You know, what it what it feels like, to be eaten by a dog or, she just doesn't understand, I mean, because to me, in my mind, even to this day, I go, that doesn't make sense. How in the world can that sweet little girl be so casual about what happened to a rabbit? I mean, if she totally understood, you think that she'd be broken about the whole thing. And it blows my mind.

[00:05:13.730] And in the same way, you know, every once in a while I'll meet a person who calls himself a Christian. I'll listen to the way they pray, watch the way they sing, watch the way they live. And yet they'll say, well, I believe in God, I believe in God. I go, wait a second, then how can you be so casual? How can you just kind of casually say, Oh, God, thanks for the day. It's been nice, you know, when you understand who God is. I don't believe you can be that casual when you truly understand what our God is like. I don't believe that you can be casual about the way you pray or casual about the way you sing or casual about the way you live your life. But I believe if we have an accurate picture of God. That that will give us light into who He is and it'll change everything about us.

[00:06:00.390] And my attempt this these next couple of days is to give you a clear picture of who God is, of what he is like, because I believe we have a clear picture of it will practically change your life in every respect. There's no way you could just pray casually. There's no way you could sing casually if you understood what he is like. This has always been a passion of mine to explain to people what God is truly like. I don't know about you, but I can't stand it when someone says something about God that is not true.

[00:06:33.110] Man, whenever I hear anyone make a statement and say, well, God is like this and it's not true, it's not biblical, it drives me crazy, I can't stand it. I always feel like I need to correct it. And what I really can't stand is what's so popular nowadays, where people just say, well, whatever you believe about God is fine. You know, anything you believe about God is true. So if one person says, well, I believe God was just a man and he worked his way into becoming God, then someone else says, No, I believe God is eternal. He was always God. Another person says, well, no, I believe the earth itself is God, and you have to plug into its power. And what drives me crazy is what the world says is, you know what, all of you are right, because when it comes to God, there is no right or wrong as long as you really sincerely believe it in your heart. Because that's ridiculous. You don't do that, God is a person who's got distinct attributes.

[00:07:37.800] He's got a distinct personality. We don't do that to a person. What if someone in the room says, well, I believe that Ron Hafer is a four hundred pound sumo wrestler and someone over here says, well, no, that's not what I believe. I believe he's a three foot pygmy warrior, you know? And so then I come up here this morning, say, you know what, you're both right. As long as you really believe it in your heart, then you're both right. No, that's wrong. You don't do that to a person. So why in the world do we do that to God? God has made clear what he is like, and we don't have a right to just enforce our opinions of what we think he is. God is

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shared very clearly in scripture, what he is like. Remember when Moses first encountered God and he saw God in that burning bush and God speaks to him and is sending him to the to the people of Israel?

[00:08:30.260] And when Moses asked God, what is your name? Who shall I say sent me? Do you remember what God said? God said, I am who I am. Remember that God said, I am who I am? God did not say, I am whoever you want me to be or whatever you believe in your heart, as long as it's sincere. God didn't say that. He says, I am who I am. I'm a distinct person with distinct attributes. And what I want to do is study what that God is like. And I think the first thing in talking about God's attributes that we need to understand about him. Is that God is holy? God is a holy God. And that's what I want to talk about this morning, um, the word holy means set apart. It means distinct God is set apart from us, he's distinct from us. He is wholly. See, a lot of people when they think of God, they think that God is just a bigger version of themselves.

[00:09:40.210] Gods like a human being, but he's just bigger he's got bigger hands, bigger feet, bigger body, and that's what they picture, what God's like us, but he is bigger. But that is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches. God is holy. He's completely set apart from us, he said, apart from sin. And he said, apart from mankind, he is wholly distinct beyond us. And you get a clear picture of God's holiness. We have to turn to Isaiah Chapter six. Isaiah, Chapter six, in fact, I want you so badly to understand that the words that I share this week are not my own. This is absolutely what God has said about himself. It is not my opinion of what God is like. It is what he says he is like. And so in reverence for God's word, could you just stand with me as I read this passage? Isaiah, chapter six, verse one. Well, let's pray first.

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[00:11:04.550] God, I pray that, uh. This morning, you would open our eyes to see your word clearly. Got right now, even as I read your very words, Lord, we take these words as sacred, we take them as coming from your very lips, Lord, that these are your words. This is how you have chosen to describe yourself. God, I'm so scared right now, Lord, because I don't want to belittle you in any way? I don't want to say anything about you that is not true and I don't want to paint a picture of you that is too small. God help us to see you as you truly are, open your word to us, please, Lord, we know it is only by your spirit that we can understand these words, Lord. So enlighten us this morning, please, as we read your very words. And help us to respect them even now, as I read in Jesus name.

[00:11:54.820] In the year of King Uzziah's death. I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted. With the terrain of his robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above him, each having six wings. With two, he covered his face with two, he covered his feet, and with two, he flew. And one called out to another and said, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the threshold's tremble that the voice of him who called out while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, woe is me, I'm ruined because I'm a man of unclean lips and I live among the people of unclean lips from my eyes have seen the king, the lord of hosts. Then one of the Seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs, and he touched my mouth with it and said, behold, this is touch your lips and your iniquity is taken away. Your sin is forgiven. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then I said, here am I send me.

[00:13:07.570] God, again, I ask that you would help us to understand your world today. And I pray that everyone in this room will get a clear picture of who you are, that we would no longer

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treat you casually, pretty casually, sing to you casually, or we would see what it means to worship a holy, holy, holy God.

[00:13:36.940] So verse one says, in the year of King Uzziah's death, OK, this is when Isaiah saw God, he says it was in the year of King Uzziah's death. King was I was a great king, great military leader under Uzziah. The Israelites just felt comfortable. They felt like, you know what, he's in charge. Things are good. And he was working for fifty two years. And those who know the history of Israel, you know, when they have a good king, things are good.

[00:14:04.360] When they have about kings, things are pretty bad. So Isaiah has been this great military leader. They've been on fire, they've been doing great. But then he dies and there must have been a pretty scared feeling among the people, pretty concerned feeling of, oh, no, our king is off the throne. It's interesting to me that that is when Isaiah gets to see God. He actually gets a glimpse of God on his throne at a time when the king of the earthly throne was no longer there and people probably thought, oh, no, things are out of control.

[00:14:36.640] God allows Isaiah to see that. You know what? It's not about this little earthly king on his throne. It's about me. I am still on my throne. To me, that's interesting because it seems like those are the times in our lives when we tend to see God, truly see God, when it seems like everything on our lives are kind of chaotic, things are out of control, and it seems like they're no longer in their place where we want them to be, where God has to show us.

[00:15:01.730] It doesn't matter. I'm still on my throne. I'm still in charge. And it says in the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord. That is so huge, that's why we're studying this passage, is because Isaiah got to see the Lord, that's something that no one else in this room can say they've ever done, actually physically seen God and we're not sure if this is a vision or view is actually

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taken into his presence. But he saw God in a way that you and I have not seen him, and that's why I want, you know, as he describes what he saw, would you erase all these other pictures that you have had of God in your head?

[00:15:42.820] OK, forget the little Sunday school pictures of this guy with long brown hair and petting sheep. All right. And let's see, what did Isaiah see? He says, I saw the Lord. And he was sitting on a throne. Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne and it says lofty and exalted, so it wasn't just an ordinary throne. He says, I see this lord sitting on this massive, lofty, exalted throne. And then he says, and the train of his robe was filling the temple. He says his robe was so huge that it filled up the whole temple. This is what I saw. Now, we have no evidence that a king's robe would ever go beyond his feet back then, it's not like a bridal gown where it just goes forever. A king's robe just went down to his ankles, went down to his feet. And so when Isaiah says, you know, his whole robe just filled up the whole temple, basically what he's saying is God himself was under that robe, got himself filled that robe, and it just filled this entire temple.

[00:16:49.160] This is what Isaiah saw when he saw God, a God upon a throne who was so huge that he filled an entire temple. Imagine seeing that. And then in verse two, he says, Seraphim stood above him, each having six wings with two, he covered his face with two. We covered his feet and with two, he flew. Is the Seraphim, we don't know a lot about the seraphim and we know they're like these angelic beings and they have six wings, but he says above them there were these two Seraphim.

[00:17:24.320] So you've got this massive throne. You've got these two angels with six wings. How are you picturing this, and he says with two of the wings are covering up their faces. With two of their wings are covering up their feet. Now you've got two wings covering up your face

and two wings covering up your feet, you're basically covered from head to toe. And that's the whole idea, is that these angels, as they're flying with their other two wings, are covering themselves up from head to toe because they did not feel worthy to look upon God or to be looked upon by him because he is so holy. And so they're covering themselves up as they're flying around. And then verse three, it says one called out to another. And he said, holy, holy, holy is the lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory. So you're picturing this is walking in and he sees this throne, he sees these angels and they're covering themselves up and one of them is screaming out to the other one is screaming, holy, holy, holy.

[00:18:36.200] Just screaming to the other night screaming, the guy screaming and the other angel. Can you believe how holy he is? How set apart is, how distinct he is from us. He's screaming out to the other angel, he screams, holy, holy, holy, when you said something three times that meant perfection that meant he was perfectly holy. There are plenty of people who say that they're set apart or they're different or distinct, and what God says is that I am holy, holy, holy, I am perfectly set apart.

[00:19:09.680] That means there is no one else who compares to me. There is no one of the same essence, the same substance as I am. I am perfectly, wholly, perfectly distinct from all creation. And this angel is just screaming it out to the other angel. How holy God is. And then in verse four. It says the foundations of the threshold's trembled at the voice of him, who called out while the temple was filling with smoke. So here's Isaiah, you know, he's at this threshold, this doorway or something, and he's seeing all of this, not only that, but he's hearing it all.

[00:19:52.980] And he says it's so loud that the foundations were actually shaking. And can you imagine being in a place where an angel screams out so loud that you just feel the ground

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beneath you shaking? Is he screaming out, holy, holy, holy, and I is watching this in the floor is shaking. You and I have experienced earthquake, we know the sheer terror of just the ground moving. And so imagine being in the presence of God. As an angel screaming out so loud, this whole place is shaking. Before this got. What would you do? Would you say? I think we would all just be an absolute or. As we watch this.

[00:20:41.660] And what Isaiah does in verse five. Then I said. Woe is me. I am ruined. Because I'm a man of unclean lips. And I live among the people of unclean lips. And my eyes have seen the king, the lord of hosts. Isaiah sees this whole thing and say, wow, this is really cool. He just goes and. He says, woe is me, I am ruined, the word ruined means I am about to be destroyed. Isaiah just thinks to himself, I just saw God, that means I am going to be destroyed because he knew the Lord thought that no man could see God and live. Moses, Moses, when he asked God if he could see him in Texas, three, three, God says no, no man can see my face and live. And I, Nick and I just saw God, I'm looking at God, I'm realizing who I am in the presence of this is God himself.

[00:21:45.380] The angels are screaming about him, how old he is, and so I said, figures, I'm dead because I'm a man of unclean lips. She says, I'm a sinner. Now, the heart of the overflow, the heart, the mouth speaks and I've spoken some horrible things. I'm a man of unclean lips. And he knew God can't stand sin, that's something we've forgotten in the church today, that God absolutely cannot stand sin. And so Ising is there in the presence of God, and he knew this, he knew that God can't stand sin and I'm a sinner.

[00:22:24.880] I'm a man of unclean lips, and you guys, if anyone had clean lips, it would have been Isaiah. I mean, he's one of the guys where if you hadn't met him, you were gone, man, now

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there's a godly man, there's a good guy. But when he came in the presence of God, he said, you know what, I'm not good and I'm an absolute center and he's going to kill me now. He's going to destroy me now because that's what a holy God does when he comes in the presence of sin.

[00:22:49.820] He must destroy it. He can't stand in the presence of sin. Habakkuk says nine eyes or two holy to look upon evil to approve of evil. They're too pure to look at evil. And so Isaiah says, woe is me, I'm dead. I'm ruined because I'm a man of unclean lips. I live among the people of unclean lips, you know, it's interesting, when I saw God, I knew he is going to die. He didn't try to cut a deal with God and say, God, you know what? If you let me live, I'll survive for the rest of my life. Here, a lot of people trying to make deals with God, come on, God, get me out of this mess and I'll serve you. I say, I realize no one in the presence of God, I have no power, I have no bargaining power, I can't say God. Well, you know what? If you do this for me, I'll do this for you know, he just says I'm dead.

[00:23:36.060] There's there's no way out of this one. I'm the presence of a holy God. I hear people who tell me, you know, when I finally see God, I've got a question or two for him, I'm going to get in his face and ask him some things, OK? You're going to get in his face and you're going to ask him something. You're going to question God. Some years they can cash is God really like that? I mean, can I really not even look upon him? Is that far beyond me? That seems too extreme. I mean, isn't that just Old Testament? Because you know what I did. But you know what? I have a relationship with God. I have a relationship with Jesus Christ. If I have a relationship, then I don't need to fear him as a holy God because I've got a relationship with him. Besides, my relationship is through Jesus and I have a good, close, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and that's great.

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[00:24:34.170] But you know what? So did John. Remember John, the beloved disciple, the disciple whom Jesus loved, he was probably the one closest to him as far as intimacy, as far as relationship, John had a relationship with Jesus that you and I will never understand. He walked with them. He was the one that said he really loved John. But what happens what happens in Revelation one when John, the beloved disciple, gets to see a glimpse of Jesus?

[00:25:07.820] That's right. Jesus, the one who had such a great relationship with. Jesus, after he had died, after he had rose again, after you to send it back to heaven, and now he's in all of his glory. And then John encounters him in Revelation one and remember what happens, remember in Revelation one, let me read it when John John, it almost sounds like he's like fumbling for words in John one in verse 13. He says, in the middle of the lamp stands one like a son of man clothed in a robe, reaching to its feet and girded across his breast with a golden girdle his head, his hair were white, like wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze when it's been caused to glow in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. And in his right hand, he held seven stars. And out of his mouth came a sharp, two edged sword. And his face was like the sun shining in its full strength. And when I saw him.

[00:26:18.700] I fell at his feet like a dead man. Says, Man, when I saw Jesus, it was different, I mean, now is here, it was like so white is like, whoa, he said this is like bronze when it's like glowing is this tongue was like this sword. And he just he just freaks out. He's says, man, he was so magnificent, so incredible, so brilliant. I was terrified and I fainted. When I saw one glimpse of this Jesus. I fell at his feet like a dead man. Basically, he just passed out. There's this, John, that had such a close relationship with Jesus. So get out, get out of your mind all these ideas that, you know what if Jesus walked through those doors right now, I'd be the first one to run up and just hug him and tell him you've been so good to me.

[00:27:18.710] No. Jesus walked in that door, you would be ducking for cover. You'd probably be hiding behind these chairs, bawling your eyes out, thinking of all the things you wish you had done differently. That's what would happen. If Jesus walked in here, he'd be ducking for cover, saying, gosh, why did I live my life the way I lived it? Just like I said, go on. Look at all this sin in my life, why I'm ruined a man of unclean lips and live among the people of unclean lips. Well, then, verse six, after Isaiah humbles himself, it says, then one of the Seraphim flew to me. With a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with Tung's. And he touched my mouth with it and said, behold, this has touched your lips and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven. So I said one moment is thinking, I just saw God, that means I'm about to die because I know he can't stand my sin, so he's going to destroy me for it.

[00:28:29.990] One second later, says an angel comes flying to him, touched his lips and said no. Your son is taken away. Why? What did Isaiah do to somehow. Earn God's favor by doing something for him, did he cut a deal where God says, OK, that'll work if you'll serve me, if you stop that one cent, if you just clean up your lips a little bit? No, all he did was humble himself. All he did was come to the end of himself and say, God, I'm nothing and I deserve to be destroyed. Until you get to that point where you realize, God, I'm an absolute sinner in your presence, I don't even deserve to be alive before you. And there's no opportunity for forgiveness until you get to the point where you realize, God, I'm not good enough and there's nothing I can do to save myself. That's where Isaiah was that he just says, I can't do anything. And what's amazing is that that God forgives Isaiah so much to wear in verse eight, God finally speaks all this time, understand this whole time God has not said a word, OK?

[00:29:38.420] It's not God who is screaming. I am holy, I am holy, I am holy. All we've heard so far is the angels screaming to one another, the foundations trembling. Isaiah fallen to his face.

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Assuming he's going to die and the angels coming and explain that he's forgiven and then God finally speaks in verse eight. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying. Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Then I said here, my. Send me. God finally says something, he says, who shall I send, who will go for us? And immediately I this is hear me send me. Here I am, send me, I'll do anything. You know, when someone sometimes asks you for a favor, you say, can you do me a favor? You always go, what is it? You know why? Because you can't just say yes to anything. So you go, What is it?

[00:30:33.220] But here, God just kind of says, you know what? Who shall I send, who's going to go for me? And I say, doesn't care what it is. He just says, send me just take me. Because, man, you should have killed me just a few moments ago. So just the fact that I'm alive, I'll do anything for you. Just the fact that I'm no longer under your roof. I'll do whatever. And when we really understand we really understand just how the depth of that, the fact that, you know what, I should not be alive right now, after all the horrible, disgusting things that I have done, me personally in my own life, I should not be standing today. Knowing how much God can't stand my sin and knowing how much sin has been in my life. I recognize I shouldn't be here before you guys, the last thing I should be doing is standing and talking about God. And when you recognize. Yet God has forgiven me. You saved me. When you realize I shouldn't even be alive, that's when you go, God, whatever you want me to do now, that's fine. Because I shouldn't even be here, I shouldn't even exist.

[00:31:41.210] You know, I think that most Christians. Secretly are hoping that God doesn't call them to anything. Most Christians in the hurricane got it. I'd rather you didn't send me to the mission field that would really interrupt my life. That would destroy my plans. God, I hope you don't call me to serve in some local church on the weekends because that's kind of my time and

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you'll be cutting into that. God, I hope you don't ask me to do this, this or this, because that would really interrupt my life, whereas Isaiah just said, God, whatever you want me to do, I'll do because I'd have no life without you.

[00:32:26.770] How does it. How does it make you feel when when right now, OK? This isn't imagination time, this is reality, how does it make you feel right now to realize that while we're sitting comfortably in this little gymnasium? There sits an almighty God. Right now. Who is so beyond us that I couldn't even look upon him right now and live. How does it make you feel when you realize right now what's going on is there's a God on his throne and there's angels right now on either side screaming out how holy he is?

[00:33:07.900] While we're sitting here in this little jam, there's a God that huge. How does that make you feel? And when you say the name God, that's who you're referring to. It's amazing that right now that there's a being like that. If we were all to just look up and see him, we would immediately die. You know, all we can think about is, you know, when it's going to be over, I got to sit through another one and we have all these little meaningless things that we think through throughout the day. What am I going to wear today when we can do tonight? Here's a holy God up in heaven. And we just kind of casually go, hey, thanks for the day. Why in the world would God listen to my worship when he's got two angels screaming out how holy is and I'm just kind of going, yeah, I could sing your love forever. I could sing a bit forever, and I just kind of casually sing to God.

[00:34:13.730] And do you realize who we talk to? And if you would take just 30 seconds before you prayed and just thought about who you were about to speak to, I guarantee you it would change your whole prayer. In fact, let's do that right now, which just bow your heads. And would

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you picture yourself? Before the throne. Put yourself in their shoes. The presence. God. Sitting on his throne. Lofty and exalted. Train of his robe fills the temple. Angels on either side of him. Screaming out, holy, holy, holy. God, so brilliant, you can't even look upon it. And now would you talk to Him?

[00:36:09.750] God, we are so sorry. We're so sorry for the times and we just casually speak your name. Can we just talk to you like you're No. One? They throw words out at you and we don't even think about what we're saying. God, we're so sorry. For the times when we. Saying to you, and we don't even think about who were singing to. God, right now, we recognize you the way scripture teaches. You are a holy God. God, you should consume our thoughts every moment. I can't believe we think about anything else other than you. You are so far beyond this guy. We were just real human beings, and you could take your take our lives at any second. God, if it is not your will, I will not live through this prayer, and I recognize that full well. God, it's amazing that a holy God would even listen to us right now, so we thank you for hearing us. And hearing our prayers. And God, we thank you for giving us for the times when we've disrespected you and dishonored you. God, you're a holy God, you deserve so much more and so God now my prayers, that you would keep us from thinking of you casually. God, that you would keep us from ever saying your name in a casual way.

[00:37:40.280] Keep us from being too casual about worshiping you because you are a great holy God and we are so sorry for being so arrogant. That we don't speak to you with reverence. God, may we never be casual about you again. God, please. Please forgive us. Help us to change the way we live our lives now. Now that we have a clearer picture of who you are. The more I know your power Lord, the more mindful how casually we speak and sing your name. How often we have come to you with no fear of wonder and called upon you only for what we stand to gain.

Farrar: Holiness of God

God forbid. That I find you so familiar that I think of you as less than a god forbid that I should speak of you at all without a verbal reference in my heart.

[00:39:30.430] But God forbid. Lord, I often talk about your love and mercy, how it seems to me your goodness has no.

[00:39:51.580] And it frightens me to think that I could take you for granted, though, you're closer than a brother, you are more than just my friend.

[00:40:07.240] God forbid. That I find you so familiar that I think of you as less than who you are. God forbid that I should speak of you at all without a horrible reference in my heart. God for. Father, God Almighty, Lord of Lords, you are king of kings, beyond my understanding, no less than. God forbid. Did not I find you so familiar that I think of you as less than who you are? God forbid that I should speak of you at all without a horrible reference in my heart.

[00:41:24.790] God forbid, God forbid.

[00:41:34.160] Bobby.

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