

GRIPPED BY THE GREATNESS OF GOD

*Great is the LORD and
greatly to be praised.
Psalm 48:1*

Introduction:

- This week in our spiritual journey, our intention is to get gripped by the holiness of God.
- In our "Growth Groups", we will be going deeper into the nature of God's holiness by examining Isaiah's encounter with the throne room of God.
- This morning, however, we will discover the Bible's – not one, but two – definitions of holiness. And perhaps even more importantly, we will learn how to respond to God's holiness in our speech and in our actions.

The Meaning of Holiness in the Bible

- The secondary, but most usual definition is

- But the primary meaning of holiness is

The primary meaning of holy is "separate." It comes from an ancient word that means "to cut," or "to separate." To translate this basic meaning into contemporary language would be to use the phrase "a cut above something." When we find a garment or another piece of merchandise that is outstanding, that has a superior excellence, we use the expression that it is "a cut above the rest."
R.C. Sproul, **The Holiness of God**, p. 37,38

Responding to God's Holiness in Our Speech

- It is of utmost importance to God that His _____ be revered as holy.
 - It is Jesus' _____ request in "The Lord's Prayer".
Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Matthew 6:8
 - It is God's _____ of Ten Commandments to govern human affairs.
Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
Exodus 20:7

Responding to God's Holiness in Our Actions

Be holy because I am holy. (Leviticus 11:44; I Peter 1:16)

When we are called to be holy, we are called to bear witness to the righteousness of God – to mirror and reflect His character.
A.A. Hodge

Conclusion :

During this coming week, I will respond to God's holiness by: