

WEEK 2





DAY 05: HE'S GOD & WE ARE NOT

2 Seraphim were standing above him; they each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies; his glory fills the whole earth. 4 The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with smoke. ISAIAH 6:2-4

Pause

Take a moment to unplug from the world around you. Silence your phone. Turn off the music. Close your door. And travel with the ancient prophet, Isaiah, in his vision of the throne room of God.

Read Isaiah 6:1-7 in your Bible.

A word repeated in Hebrew meant that it was important. What word is most important here?

How did God's holiness penetrate Isaiah's heart and soul? How did it change him?

Behind the Story

In Exodus 33:20, God told Moses that no man could see God's face and live. Isaiah's response to his vision is one of concern because he knew humans were incapable of surviving the sight of God's majesty and power. In light of God's perfect holiness, Isaiah's unholiness stood in stark contrast.

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The Point

No one can stand before God and brag about their accomplishments or thier goodness. God's holiness strips us of all pride and forces us to bow before Him in reverent worship.

Respond

Re-read Isaiah's experience with God in today's passage and ask yourself the following questions about your own worship. Jot down your responses or prayers.

Is my worship exalting myself or God? Explain.

Am I willing to let God's holiness penetrate my heart? Why or why not?

Am I worshiping in a spirit of repentance? Why or why not?

DAY OG: A WISE GOD

May the name of God be praised forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to him. 21 He changes the times and seasons; he removes kings and establishes kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. 22 He reveals the deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. Daniel 2:20-22

Pause

Rid yourself of all distractions. Quiet your mind and ask the Lord to open your heart to His Holy Word and what He wants to teach you today.

Read Daniel 2:20-22, underline any words or phrases that teach you about God's character. Think through these questions:

How do you see God's wisdom on display in these verses?

Verse 21 says that God gives wisdom to the wise. Do you think wisdom is something humans can achieve or something only God can give? Explain.

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Behind the Story

In Scripture, the "name of God" stands for God's nature or revealed character. Therefore, when Daniel began praising "the name of God" in verse 20, he wasn't referring to a title or a label. He was praising God's very character, namely His wisdom and power.

The Point

God is wise. It isn't something He just does or something He's learned over time. It's simply who He is.

Respond

Record your own prayer of praise to God, celebrating his wisdom and power. Thank Him for all the ways you see his wisdom on display in your own life.

DAY 07: ALWAYS RIGHT

The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are entirely just. A faithful God, without bias, he is righteous and true. DEUTERONOMY 32:4

Pause

Think about the things you've done this week when your motives weren't quite right, or the ways you tried to manipulate a situation to your advantage. Now, thank God that He isn't like that.

Read Deuteronomy 32:1-4.

"The Rock" points to God's stability, strength, and enduring nature. How have you seen God's stability and strength on display lately?

"Entirely just" - God doesn't just do what is right some of the time, and He doesn't have an angle. There is no hint of injustice with Him. Why is it important that God always does what is right?

"Without prejudice" - What is the relationship between partiality, favoritism, and injustice?

DAY 07: ALWAYS RIGHT

Behind the Story

Moses' use of words and phrases like "fall like rain," "settle like dew," and "showers" is not just poetic. Instead, they point to the gentleness of Moses' teaching and his belief that God's Word would soften the hard soil of the peoples' hearts and produce obedience. He didn't call for a storm that would rage against the people, but a quiet shower and a soft dew that would gently bring the people in line with God.

How has God's Word done that in your life?

The Point

All of God's ways are just. Even when circumstances seem hard, unfair, or beyond your understanding, God's ways are perfectly right.

Respond

Read the rest of Moses' song in Deuteronomy 32. It details the Israelites' history and how God had always been at work in their lives. If you were writing a song to describe God's work in your life, what lyrics would you use? What examples of God's justice and faithfulness toward you would you include? Jot down your ideas.

DAY 08: TRUE

Into your hand I entrust my spirit; you have redeemed me, Lord, God of truth.

PSALM 31:5

Pause

Prepare your heart to hear from God by listening to your favorite worship songs.

"Truth is relative." Spend a few minutes mulling over that phrase. What does it mean? How would you explain it in your own words? We live in a world that says truth depends on the situation or that something is true of me, but not for you. But Scripture has a different view of truth.

Read Psalm 31:1-5 in your Bible.

Read verse 5 again carefully and think through these questions:

David seems completely certain in these verses. Why was he so confident he could place his trust in God?

Rewrite verse 5 in the words of someone who is uncertain that God can be trusted or that He's the God of truth.

What does the fact that God is the God of truth have to do with His trustworthiness? Explain.

DAY 08: TRUE

Behind the Story

David used words like refuge, rock, and fortress in Psalm 31 to show God's security and protection

- refuge: a safe haven
- · rock: a symbol of stability
- fortress: a military term, and a place of protection from an enemy.

Even though this context was one of protection from harm, God is truth in all contexts of life. He doesn't just say true things; He is the embodiment of truth.

TRUTH n.

Fidelity, constancy; sincerity in action, character, and utterance; the state of being the case.

The Point

God isn't just truthful; He is truth. He always remains true to His character, meaning we can trust Him in all things because He will always do what He has promised.

Respond

Truth isn't relative because truth is anchored in God. He doesn't promise something, then do something else. He is always true to His character. He is trustworthy because the God of truth cannot lie (Titus 1:2). Revel in the greatness of the God you serve, the one true God. Record a psalm of worship and praise below.

For further study, read Luke 23:46 and Acts 7:59.