



Our Stunning God

Question: “What is God like?”

“**Man on the street**” answer: “I think God is fair to everyone and above all else He is tolerant of everyone.”

The Issue: What if God is Who He is, and not who we want Him to be? Job 42.

God is holy—He is absolutely and utterly unique. Isaiah 6:1-8.

- Holy: Hebrew “qadosh” meaning “set apart, unique, distinct.”
- **The “Isaiah Process”:** revelation, confession, cleansing, commitment.
- **Live Differently:** 1 Peter 1:16. *God is absolutely utterly unique and He expects His people to be remarkably unique.*
- What would it mean for me to be remarkably unique in this culture in purity, sacrifice, speech, honesty, generosity, justice, forgiveness, joy and compassion?

God is personal—He is near, relational and inviting intimate relationship. Isaiah 57:15

- God commands us to build intimate relationship with Him. Psalm 27:8.
- **Live Differently:** James 4:8. *God is near and personal and He is aching for intimate relationship with His people.*
- What would it mean for me to draw near to God?

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“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas. A spiritual journal would be an excellent way to record your thoughts and prayers:

- **Today.** Please read Job 42:1-8 and reflect on what happened to Job. What does God stir up in your heart and spirit regarding your own life?
- **Monday.** Please read Isaiah 6:1-8 and reflect on the process that Isaiah experienced: revelation, confession, cleansing, and commitment. What does God stir up in your heart and spirit regarding your own life?
- **Tuesday.** Please read 1 Peter 1:16. What would it mean for you to be remarkably unique in this culture in purity, sacrifice, speech, honesty, generosity, justice, forgiveness, joy and compassion?
- **Wednesday.** Please read Isaiah 57:15. What is God’s core message to you in this verse? What will you do in response?
- **Thursday.** Please read Psalm 27:8. What is God inviting you personally to?
- **Friday.** Please read James 4:8. What is God’s message to you here?
- **Saturday.** Looking back over the entire week—Sunday to today—what is the main thing that God has shown you?

*“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You,
“Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.” Psalm 27:8*

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