

# THEOLOGY PROPER



# GLORY OF GOD

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# PERFECTIONS



**A. Introduction**

**B. Incommunicable Perfections**

**C. Communicable Perfections**

**1. Omniscience**

**2. Omnipotence**

**3. Holiness**

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GOD'S

HOLINESS



**Totally separate from evil in His person and dealings with men and includes His absolute righteousness measured against Himself as an absolute standard, moral perfection, separation from all that is common or unclean**

**C. Ryrie**

**“God is absolutely separate from and exalted above all His creatures, and He is equally separate from all moral evil and sin.”**

**Thiessen**

**Isa 6:3 ... “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.” (Rev 4:8)**

**Isa 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, ...**

**Lev 11:44** ‘For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy**; for **I am holy** ....

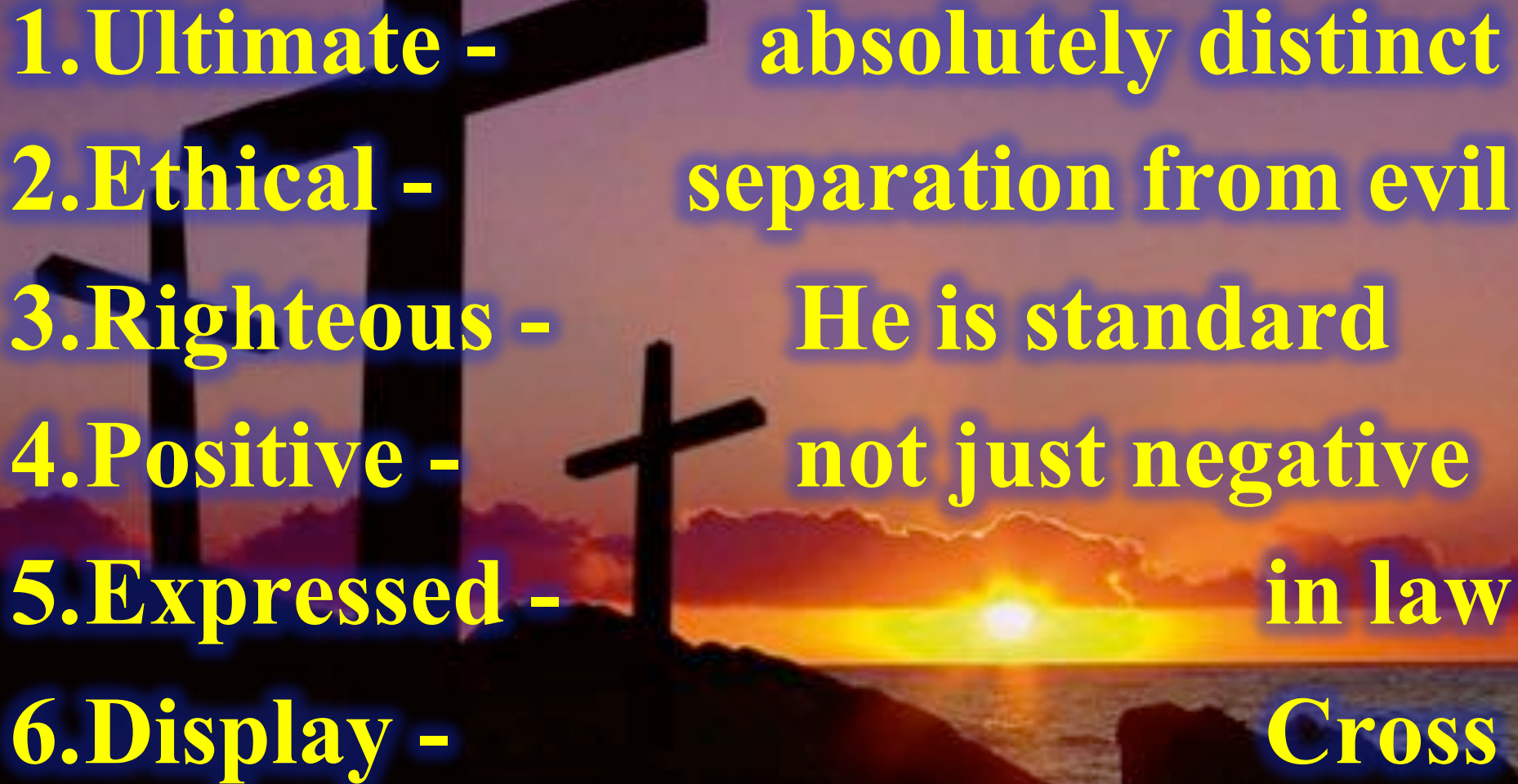
**Ezek 39:7** “And My **holy** name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My **holy** name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the **Holy One** in Israel.

**1Jn 1:5 ... God is light, and in Him  
there is **no darkness** at all.**

**Rev 15:4 “Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify Thy name? For Thou  
alone art **holy**; For all the nations  
will come and worship before  
Thee, For Thy **righteous** acts have  
been revealed.”**



# HOLINESS

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1. Ultimate - absolutely distinct
2. Ethical - separation from evil
3. Righteous - He is standard
4. Positive - not just negative
5. Expressed - in law
6. Display - Cross

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**GOD'S**

**JUSTICE**



**“Justice is that phase of God's holiness which is seen in His treatment of the obedient and the disobedient subjects of His government. It is that attribute whereby He gives to every one what is due him.”**

**WGT Shedd**

**“That perfection of God by which He maintains Himself over against every violation of His holiness and shows in every respect that He is the Holy One.”**

**L. Berkhof**

**Isa 5:16** But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in **judgment**, and the **holy** God will show Himself **holy in righteousness**.

**Ps 50:6** And the heavens declare His **righteousness**, For God Himself is **judge**. Selah.

**Ps 119:137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord, And upright are Thy judgments.**

**1Pet 1:17 And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth;**

# JUSTICE

1. Rectorial - God as Lawgiver

2. Retributive - punishment





**Deut 32:41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me.**

**2Th 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

# JUSTICE

1. Rectorial - God as Lawgiver

2. Retributive - punishment

3. Remunerative - rewards



**Ps 58:11 and men will say, “Surely there is a **reward** for the righteous; Surely there is a God who **judges** on earth!”**

**Heb 6:10 For God is **not unjust** so as to forget **your work** and the **love** which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.**

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**5. Wrath**

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GOD'S

WRATH



# **DISTORTIONS**

- **Denied by liberals**
- **Weakened by some evangelicals**
- **Annihilation substituted**
- **Minimized by many conservatives**
- **Understood by few**

# **It is not:**

- **Irrational state**
- **Loss of control**
- **Bad temper**
- **Cruelty**
- **Vindictive rage**

**GOD's ...**

Andromeda

**Justice  
against sin**



# It Is:

- **Necessary reaction to evil**
- **Right & Righteous**
- **Indignation against injustice**
- **Always judicial**
- **Punitive justice**

**“Wrath is the holy revulsion of God’s being against that which is the contradiction of His holiness.”**

**John Murray**

**“Wrath is God's personal  
(though never malicious or, in a  
bad sense, emotional) reaction  
against sin.”**

**CK Barrett**

**Nah 1:2-6 A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies... 6 Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.**

**Isa 13:9 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.**

**1Th 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.**

**2Th 1:5-8** This is a plain indication of God's righteous **judgment** so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. **6** For after all it is only just for God to **repay** with **affliction** those who afflict you, ... **8** dealing out **retribution** to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel ...

# DESCRIPTION

- **Burning anger**
- **Fury**
- **Anger kindled**
- **Indignation**
- **Blazing wrath**
- **Consuming fire**

# DISPLAY

- Past
- Future
- Present



Jupiter &  
Ganymede



# **IMPLICATIONS**

- **God's attitude toward sin**
- **Appreciate God's grace**
- **Fear God**

**Sin is  
serious, no  
matter how  
small!!**



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**GOD'S**

**SOVEREIGNTY**

# **DISTORTIONS**

- 1. World out of control**
- 2. God trying His best**
- 3. Man determines his destiny**
- 4. Deist view**
- 5. Dualist view**
- 6. Human responsibility**
- 7. Fatalism**

# WITHOUT IT

- ✓ No security in universe
- ✓ No natural science
- ✓ No emotional stability
- ✓ No spiritual absolutes
- ✓ No basis for any authority

**GOD is ...**

Andromeda

**Supreme  
authority in  
universe**

**“God is supreme ruler with  
supreme and absolute authority,  
yields to no other power or  
authority”**

**C. Ryrie**



**“God is absolute and sole ruler in the universe and is in complete control.”**

**R Lightner**

# **PERVASIVE**

- **Genesis**
- **Exodus**
- **Joshua**
- **Daniel**
- **Acts**
- **Revelation**



Jupiter &  
Ganymede

**Job 42:2 “I know that Thou  
canst do all things, And that  
no **purpose** of Thine can be  
thwarted.**

**Prov 16:4 The Lord has made  
everything for its own  
**purpose**, Even the wicked for  
the day of evil.**

**Ps 103:19 The Lord has established  
His **throne** in the heavens; And  
His **sovereignty** rules over all.**

**Ps 47:7 For God is the **King** of all  
the earth; Sing praises with a  
skillful psalm.**

**Isa 46:10-11 Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; ... Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.**

# SCOPE

## 1. Universal



# AREAS

## 1. Angelic Creatures



**Lk 22:31 “Simon, Simon, behold,  
Satan has demanded permission  
to sift you like wheat;**

**Mt 24:31 “And He will send forth His  
angels with a great trumpet and  
they will gather together His elect  
from the four winds, from one  
end of the sky to the other.**



# AREAS

A photograph of Queen Elizabeth II and King George VI seated on their thrones in the House of Lords. The Queen is on the left, wearing a white ceremonial dress and a crown. The King is on the right, wearing a dark military-style uniform with numerous medals and a sword. The thrones are ornate and gold-colored, set against a dark, patterned background.

1. Angelic  
Creatures

2. Physical Nature

**Mt 8:27** And the men marveled,  
saying, “What kind of a man is  
this, that even the **winds** and  
the **sea obey Him?**”

**Mt 6:26** “Look at the birds of the air,  
that they do not sow, neither do  
they reap, nor gather into barns,  
and yet your heavenly **Father**  
**feeds them.** Are you not worth  
much more than they?”

# AREAS

A photograph of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip on their wedding day, seated on ornate golden thrones. The Queen is wearing a white gown and a crown, while Prince Philip is in a dark military-style uniform with many medals. The background is a richly decorated interior with gold accents and a red patterned carpet.

1. Angelic  
Creatures

2. Physical Nature

3. History

**Ps 22:28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations.**

**Ps 75:6-7 For not from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the desert comes exaltation; But God is the Judge; He puts down one, and exalts another.**

# AREAS

A photograph of Queen Elizabeth II and King George VI seated on their thrones in a grand, ornate setting. The Queen is on the left, wearing a white ceremonial dress and a crown. The King is on the right, wearing a dark military-style uniform with numerous medals and a crown. The thrones are highly decorated with gold and red.

1. Angelic  
Creatures
2. Physical Nature
3. History
4. Individuals


**Prov 16:9** The mind of man plans  
his way, But the Lord **directs**  
his steps.

**Isa 14:27** “For the Lord of hosts **has**  
**planned**, and who can frustrate  
it? And as for His **stretched-out**  
**hand**, who can turn it back?”

**Phil 2:13 for it is God who is at  
work in you, both to will and to  
work for His good pleasure.**

**Ro 8:28 And we know that God  
causes all things to work together  
for good to those who love God, to  
those who are called according to  
His purpose.**

# **SCOPE**

- 1. Universal**
  - 2. Absolute**
  - 3. Immutable**
  - 4. With other Perfections**
  - 5. Basis of Decrees & Covenants**
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# **IMPLICATIONS**

- **Can trust Him in all**
- **Motivates obedience**
- **Key to contentment**
- **Source of stability**

**Does your  
greatest  
problem  
really matter?**



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