

## **Ideas about God**

The Bible takes these facts about God for granted (essentially) always:

God is real

God has revealed himself to us

The Bible explains these facts about God:

God has certain names and titles

God has certain attributes

Some in which he is absolutely distinct from man and creation – qualitatively different

Some in which man can “resemble” God – quantitatively different

God is triune

The qualitative difference between God and man speaks to the Holiness of God

When we say that God is Holy, we are saying that he is wholly other than what we are in several respects. See the following passages, which discuss the idea of being “holy”:

Lev. 11:44, 45, “be Holy for I am holy”

Lev. 19:2, “you shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy”

Lev. 20:7 “consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God”

Lev. 20:26 “You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine . . .

Deut. 7:6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.”

This passage contains extensive/extended comments on the nature of God: Isaiah 40-46

Read Isaiah 40-46 and make observations about what it says about the nature of God.