

# The LORD is Holy

## 1 Samuel 6

### A. Context: The Ark of God and the Philistines

1. We looked at 1 Samuel 5 last week and were reminded again that the LORD is the God of gods; only He is the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Not only had the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ their idol, Dagon, before the Ark of the Covenant, but the Philistines had been \_\_\_\_\_ with tumors and then with a deadly destruction.

### B. The LORD is holy; His fame \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all the earth. v.1-9

1. The Philistines continue to refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ the knee to the LORD; instead of humbling themselves and \_\_\_\_\_ His face or consulting with the priests of God, they \_\_\_\_\_ upon their own priests and diviners to offer answers. They just don't get it!
2. The priests and diviners of the Philistines actually \_\_\_\_\_ their fellow countrymen to not harden their hearts against the LORD, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the Ark back to Israel along with the offering.
3. The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ was well known to the peoples of the earth, even if His own people disregarded His commands and flaunted His mercy.
4. We must not brush \_\_\_\_\_ the holiness and awesome fame of our God just because we live in a culture that is \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
5. We are privileged to know Him \_\_\_\_\_ and have Him work His infinite will out, in and through our lives.

### C. The LORD is holy; He is \_\_\_\_\_ of all praise and He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ anything. v.10-16

1. The Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ the advice of the priests and diviners; they \_\_\_\_\_ a new cart, yoke the cows, and send the Ark on its way.
2. If it worked, it would have to be the \_\_\_\_\_: No cow that is nursing and that has never been hitched to anything is going to \_\_\_\_\_ with another cow that is nursing (and has never been hitched to anything) to pull a cart for several miles!
3. Nevertheless, the LORD makes it clear that He is in \_\_\_\_\_ and that He has brought the calamity on Philistia. (The cows pull the cart straight up to Beth-Shemesh.)
4. As we think of how gracious the LORD is towards \_\_\_\_\_ and how He continues to show Himself strong on behalf of those who trust in \_\_\_\_\_, our response should be unfettered praise.

### D. The LORD is \_\_\_\_\_; it is impossible to stand before Him without His righteousness. v.17-21

1. When the men of Beth-Shemesh \_\_\_\_\_ into the Ark of God, the LORD brought swift and final \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This is why the sin of the Israelites is so \_\_\_\_\_; instead of honoring the LORD for His holiness and His authority, the men of Beth-Shemesh treat God as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus, the God-man, \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous wrath of God that we \_\_\_\_\_ because of our rebellion and disregard for God's holiness.
4. Without His \_\_\_\_\_ we can't stand before the holy Great I AM; but with it, we stand and sing His \_\_\_\_\_!

### #2 Holy, Holy, Holy

A. 1-one true God, 2-smashed, struck, B.-extends, 1-bow, seeking, call, 2-urge, send, 3-fame, power, 4-off, opposed, 5-personally, C.-worthy, accomplish, 1-follow, build, 2-LORD, work, 3-control, 4-us, Him, D.-holy, 1-looked, judgment, 2-grievous, common, 3-took, deserve, 4-righteousness, praise