

INTRODUCTION

GOD IS GREAT AND GOOD

READ

The God who is highly honored lives forever.

His name is holy. He says,

“I live in a high and holy place.

But I also live with anyone who turns away from their sins.

I live with anyone who is not proud.

I give new life to them.

I give it to anyone who turns away from their sins.”

ISAIAH 57:15

Have you ever told anyone, “Great job!” or “Good job!”? Maybe you have a friend who dances really well, bakes the most amazing cookies, or always wins at computer games. Maybe you have a friend that paints gorgeous landscapes: mountains, seas, and sunsets. You can really tell that friend that they did a great job! But how about when you look at real mountains, real seas, and real sunsets? Would you just tell God, “Great job, God! Keep it up!” It might be nice—but it’s not the sort of thing you would say to God. That’s because telling your friend that they did a great job or a good job is totally different from what we mean when we say “God is great and good.”

The passage from Isaiah that we just read says that God is *highly honored* and that He is *holy*. That means there is no one like our God. He is the highest of the highest. When we think of Him, we should be in awe and wonder. In short, He is awesome!

God deserves our praise and worship. When we say praise, we rejoice at what He has done in our lives. When we say worship, we thank God for who He is and what He has done to and for us. He is a great and good God.

God is good, and we are not. Because of our sin, we were separated from God. He could have just let us all be separated from Him and experience eternal death. But God loved us so much that He made a way for us to live, by trusting in Jesus Christ. How can we not love a God like that? Though He is great and good, the highest of the highest, He gave us a clear path to reach Him directly.

I WORSHIP GOD BECAUSE HE IS GREAT AND GOOD.

REFLECT

Is it easy or hard for you to believe that God can do a miracle in your life? How can meditating on His character and word help make your faith stronger?

Write down three ways God has been great or good in your life.



PRAY

Dear God, there is no one like You. You are great, mighty, and powerful, but You are also good and kind. You are worthy of my worship not just because of what You did for me by giving me a straight path to You, but because of who You are: great and good. Please teach me to better understand Your greatness and goodness. Show me the things you are doing in my life and in the world around me. In Jesus' name, amen.