

Exodus 15:11: "Who is like thee O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, majestic in holiness, terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders?" Similar expressions of the loftiness, the exaltedness, the splendor of God, are found in 1 Samuel 2:2 and Isaiah 57:15.... The Hebrew word for "holy" (*qadosh*) means "marked off" or "withdrawn from common ordinary use." The verb from which it is derived suggests "to cut off" or "to separate".

The other aspect of God's holiness is his absolute purity or goodness. This means that he is untouched and unstained by the evil in the world. He does not in any sense participate in it.

The glorious exaltedness of God's holiness may be seen in several Scriptures:

Psalm 99:5, 9 -- "Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool; Holy is He." "Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For holy is the Lord our God."

Exodus 3:4-5 -- "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' "

Isaiah 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, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.' "

Revelation 4:8-11 -- "And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.' And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.' "

Exodus 19:10-13, 23 -- "The Lord also said to Moses, 'Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. And you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, 'Beware that you do not go up on