

Wholly Holy by Laura L. Shaw

I am a visual worshipper, so a trip to somewhere grandiose is all it takes for me to get perspective of how awesome God is. It is truly amazing after being a Christian for all these years that I can make GOD such a casual name in my vocabulary. As if He were the mailman delivering Good News....or the maintenance man, making repairs in my life...an entertainer, creating music inside my heart and mind.

I am convicted as I sit, hike and bike in the beautiful mountains of Colorado that His name has become too ordinary to me. Don't get me wrong, I utter His name as holy in my prayers and in my worship, but in everyday living, I have not exalted Him to His proper place.

What position does God have in your life? Is He "the Man upstairs"? Is He "your main Man?" Is He the contemporary human on the movie screen? Or is He your ALL? Your everything?

How do you use His name? Is it "Oh, my God, You are so holy and good." Or could it possibly be "Oh my G__, I love your new shoes!!!!"

My heart is to challenge all of us as believers who long to grow up in our faith to be different from the rest of the mainstream in regards to God's position. I'm not talking about non-Christians, I'm not referring to young Christians, and I'm not suggesting we judge others who don't know any better. I'm exhorting us to think about our God who is wholly holy, research it in the Scripture, pray about it, and see what an incredible adjustment He does in our minds as a result.

The following are just some of the Scriptures that convicted me on the subject:

Isaiah 8:13a:

"The Lord Almighty is the One you are to regard as holy."

1 Timothy 6:15b-16:

"...God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen."

Isaiah 26:8b:

"...Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts."

Psalm 99:5 & 9:

"Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy."

There are hundreds more verses throughout the Bible about God's name and His holiness, greatness, etc. The good news is that as New Testament believers, we can approach God's throne with confidence, thanks to Jesus. But may we never lose sight that He is wholly holy, resplendent with light and worthy to receive our most humble praise. May He increase in our minds as we walk in the light of His presence today.

Abba, Father, You are Holy. You are the Lord God Almighty. You are high above any other god or any living creature. We exalt You and will treat You with the utmost respect. Be glorified in our words, thoughts and actions today. In Jesus' name, Amen.