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This may be called, **THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY PSALM**; for the word "holy" is the conclusion and refrain of its three main divisions. Its subject is the holiness of the heavenly government, the holiness of the Mediator's reign. Many preceding Psalms, extolling the Dominion and Supremacy of Messiah, spoke of Him solely as the object of triumph and rejoicing; and the ideas of might and majesty, which accompany Him, seem chiefly to have been the means by which His designs are carried into sure effect. -- Charles Spurgeon.



Divisions: This Psalm has three parts, in which the Lord is celebrated as He who is to come, as He who is, and as He who was – John Albert Bengel, 1687-1752.

- ¹ The LORD reigns; the nations shudder: He is enthroned above the cherubim; the earth shakes.
- ² The LORD in Zion is great; He is lifted up above all the nations.
- ³Let them praise Your great and awesome Name; for it is holy.

Think about it: where the Lord reigns, **Zion** is not merely a mythical place; it is the same root word for: **flock**; where His flock gather. It is a truth which, above all others, should stir us; the whole earth should feel admiring awe, when on the mercy seat God sits as universal monarch. The mention of His name is terror to His enemies; yet under the most terrifying aspect the Lord is to be praised. Many admire the milder beams of the Sun of righteousness, but burn with rebellion against its more flaming radiance. The Father's name is great; He is the Source, the Creator, the Lord of all; the Son's name is terrifying, for He is our Judge; and His Spirit is Holy, not to be grieved, worthy to be revered. **Holy is His Name** – Charles Spurgeon.

⁴The strong King loves justice; He established it equally,

He executes justice and rightness in Jacob.

⁵Lift up the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy.

Think about it: Justice is not merely established, but executed in God's kingdom; the laws are carried out. Other nations under their despots were victims and perpetrators of great wrong; that royal skill which delights in clever favoritism, and brute force is as opposite to the divine kingship as darkness is to light. The palace of YHWH is no robber's fortress nor despot's castle, built on dungeons, with stones carved by slaves, and cemented with the blood of toiling serfs. The annals of human governments are written in the tears and curses of the oppressed. Where God is king, the mercy-seat is His throne, and the scepter which He commands is holy like Himself. His power never exerts itself in tyranny; He is a sovereign, absolute in His government, but His might delights in right, His force is used for just purposes; there is no reason to fear Him. Where the Lord reigns, He causes His enemies to shudder; for He is holy. – Charles Spurgeon.

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⁶ Moses and Aaron His priests, and Samuel called on His name; they called on the LORD, and He answered them.

⁷ In the pillar of cloud, He said to them: keep His testimonies and statutes He gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, You answered them: a God who forgives, yet an avenger of evil deeds.

⁹ Lift up the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for holy is the LORD our God.

Think about it: Moses knew Him; Aaron knew Him; Samuel knew Him; these three giants of long ago, asked large things; they pleaded for a whole nation; but they are not the only ones; Noah knew Him; Abraham knew Him; David knew Him; Daniel knew Him; and the list continues to those in our generation. His people know Him; and when they call on Him, He answers. Not in vain are their prayers; He is true to His promises, and listens from the mercy-seat. He still is faithful to all His promises and listens and answers all who will call on His name in truth. All the promises of God are Yes and Amen, to those in Christ Jesus: for holy is the Lord our God – 2 Corinthians 1. – R. Keith

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Surely, you know His name, And His Son's Name