

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

HYMNS ABOUT GOD'S HOLINESS

Pause today and find a copy of the Hymnal of the Church of God. If you don't have one, you may be able to find one at your church; ask your pastor if you can borrow a hymnal for the day. Any edition will do. Take a hymnal home with you.

In the back of the hymnal, you will find an appendix that lists all the hymns according to their subject matter. Look up the section "Holiness" and see what hymns are listed there. You may find some additional hymns listed under "God" and "Sanctification," as well. Read over several of these hymns. Remember, before they were songs they were poems that sought to express doctrinal and theological understandings of Christianity in general and of the Church of God in particular. Read over these hymns carefully. Read some that are familiar to you, and read some that are unfamiliar. These hymns are a rich treasure trove of expressions about the holiness of God.

Do any phrases in the lyrics stand out to you as particularly meaningful? Write these down in a prominent place so you can remember them later. Allow these hymns to point you to a lifestyle of worship as you reflect on the holiness of God throughout this week.