Dear Brothers.

RC says in this first chapter concerning God, "A holy God. An awesome God. A God who could fill me with terror in one second and with peace in the next. ... He can create by the sheer force of divine command. He can bring something out of nothing, life out of death. ... The first sound uttered in the universe was the voice of God commanding, 'Let there be!'" ... "Be holy, because I am holy."

## **Bible Study**

The apostle John had a vision of God's holiness almost identical to Isaiah's. John's is recorded in Revelation 4:1-11. Isaiah's is found in chapter 6:1-4.

Compare these two passages –

- What's the differences?
- What do these two passages say about the importance of the holiness of God?
- What does Revelation 4 teach about worship?
  - ° Private worship?
  - ° Corporate Worship?
- What should our attitude towards God be? Look at Isaiah -
  - ° 1:4
  - ° 5:18-19
  - ° 5:24
  - ° 30:8-11
  - ° 31:1
  - ° 45:9-12
    - Of these attitudes, which do you think Christians today may be guilty of?
    - Do you see any of these attitudes in your own life?
- In Exodus 3:13-15 God reveals for the first time His name is Yahweh and we are to understand His name means, "I AM WHO I AM." What does this reveal about the nature of God?

Practical questions at the end of the chapter.

- 1. When you think of God as holy, what comes to your mind?
- 2. Describe a time when you were overcome by God's holiness.
- 3. Are you attracted to God's holiness?
- 4. What does it mean for you to be holy in the coming week?

I look forward to having open and frank discussion about these things and how they impact our lives as men, husbands and fathers.

Your fellow servant,

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