

He Plays Fair

iGod: His Character Playlist, Part 8
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"... I [The Lord] am **holy**." (Leviticus 11:45b, NIV)

"The Lord did not hesitate to bring disaster upon us, for the Lord our God is **righteous** in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him."
(Daniel 9:14, NIV)

"...[Jesus Christ] full of **grace and truth**." (John 1:14c, NIV)

I) THE FLIP SIDE OF FORGIVENESS

1) God is **__ HOLY __** and He can have nothing to do with impurity.

"The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates." (Psalm 11:4-5, NIV)

2) God is **__ RIGHTEOUS __** and He only does what is totally right.

"For the Lord is righteous..." (Psalm 11:7a, NIV)

3) God is **__ JUST __** and He ultimately brings about true justice.

"...He loves justice; upright men will seek his face." (Psalm 11:7b, NIV)

***When we balance God's grace, mercy and forgiveness with His holiness, righteousness and justice, He will be either our successful **__ DEFENSE __** or **__ PROSECUTING __** attorney.**

"For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by [Christ]... He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."
(Acts 17:31, NIV)

II) RESPONDING TO THE FAIR PLAY OF GOD

Responding to a holy, righteous, and just God

1) God's holiness calls us to **__ EMULATE & CELEBRATE HIS HOLINESS __**.

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15, NIV)

"Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy... Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy."
(Psalm 99:3&9, NIV)

2) God's righteousness calls us to **__ SEEK OUT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS __**.

"But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known... This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe." (Romans 3:21-22a, NIV)

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33, NIV)

3) God's justice calls us to **__ TREAT ALL PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE __**.

"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully." (Proverbs 28:5, NIV)

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." (Proverbs 29:7, NIV)

"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."
(Proverbs 21:3, NIV)

***God always plays more than fair—
__ DO YOU __?**