

## Reflection on Psalm 99

When we think of God as being  
    “above us”,  
what do we mean?  
It is less matter of  
    physical location than  
    quality of being.  
His transcendence means He is  
    outside this creation,  
    separate from it,  
    unlimited by it.  
He is “above” it in the sense that He  
    sees it all,  
    knows it all,  
    controls it all,  
    is infinitely greater than it all, and  
    is qualified to judge it all,  
        perfectly and  
        completely.

And yet...

His love keeps Him in  
    constant,  
    intimate contact  
with us and  
    with our physical home  
    at every level.  
That’s why He incarnated Himself –  
    made Himself one of us –  
so that He could  
    touch us,  
    share in our lives, and  
    fully share Himself with us.  
He draws near to us and  
    longs to draw us near to Him.  
He speaks to us and  
    eagerly waits for us to  
    speak to Him.

His holiness –  
that is, His

purity and  
transcendence –  
does not keep Him separate from us.  
On the contrary,  
because He is holy,  
His love is  
    pure and  
    undiluted,  
    burning,  
    yearning,  
    ceaseless working  
to unite us to Himself.  
His goal is  
simply this:  
    that we might trust Him  
so that He can work all His  
    magnificent  
    loving will  
in us  
    forever.

**Hymn: Psalm 99**

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