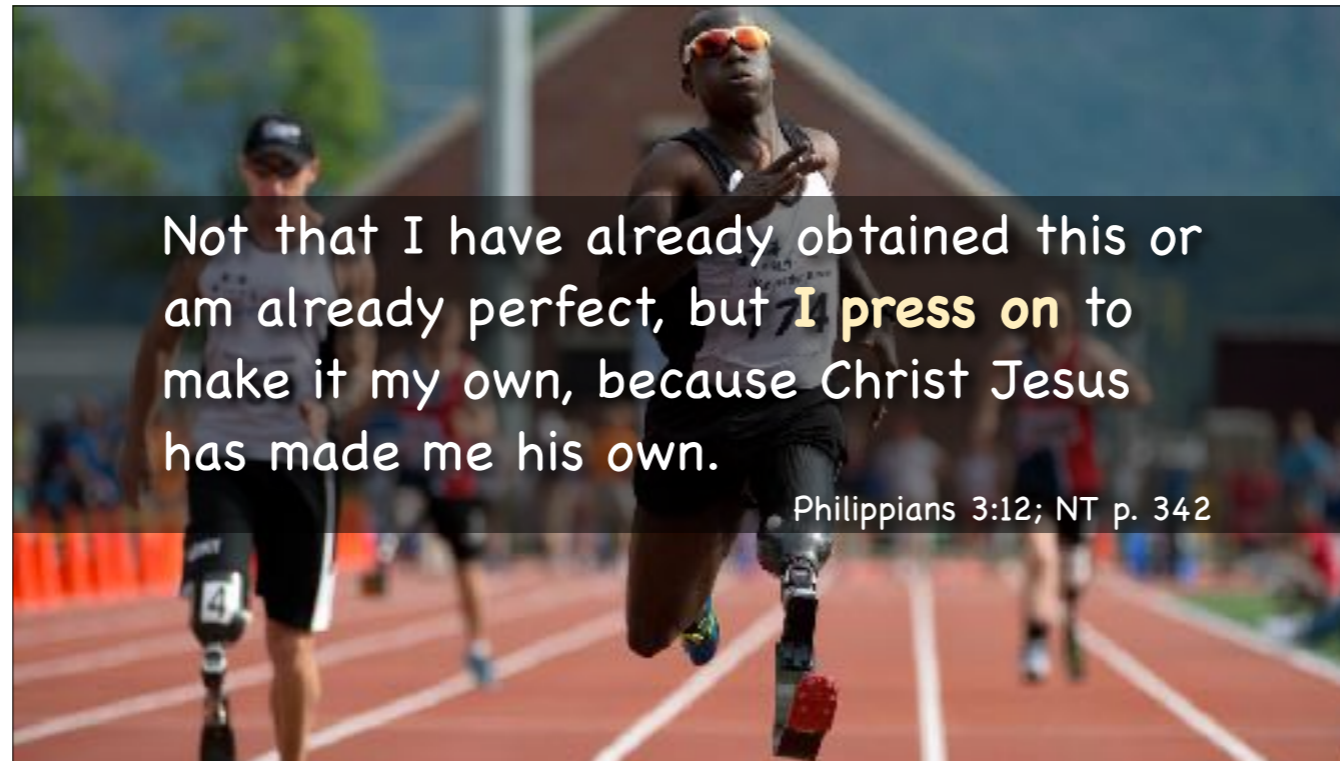


- Go on to Holiness



- Hebrews 6:1 (ESV) Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,



- Philippians 3:12 (ESV) 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.



- Toward the Goal
  - v. 14: prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus
  - v. 8: knowing Christ
  - v. 9: found in him
  - v. 9: righteousness from God through faith
  - v. 10: know Him and power of resurrection
  - v. 10: share in sufferings
  - v. 10: like him in his death
  - v. 11: resurrection from the dead

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- Romans 1:7 (ESV) 7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- You are Holy!
- I get that's what the Bible says.
- I don't feel holy.

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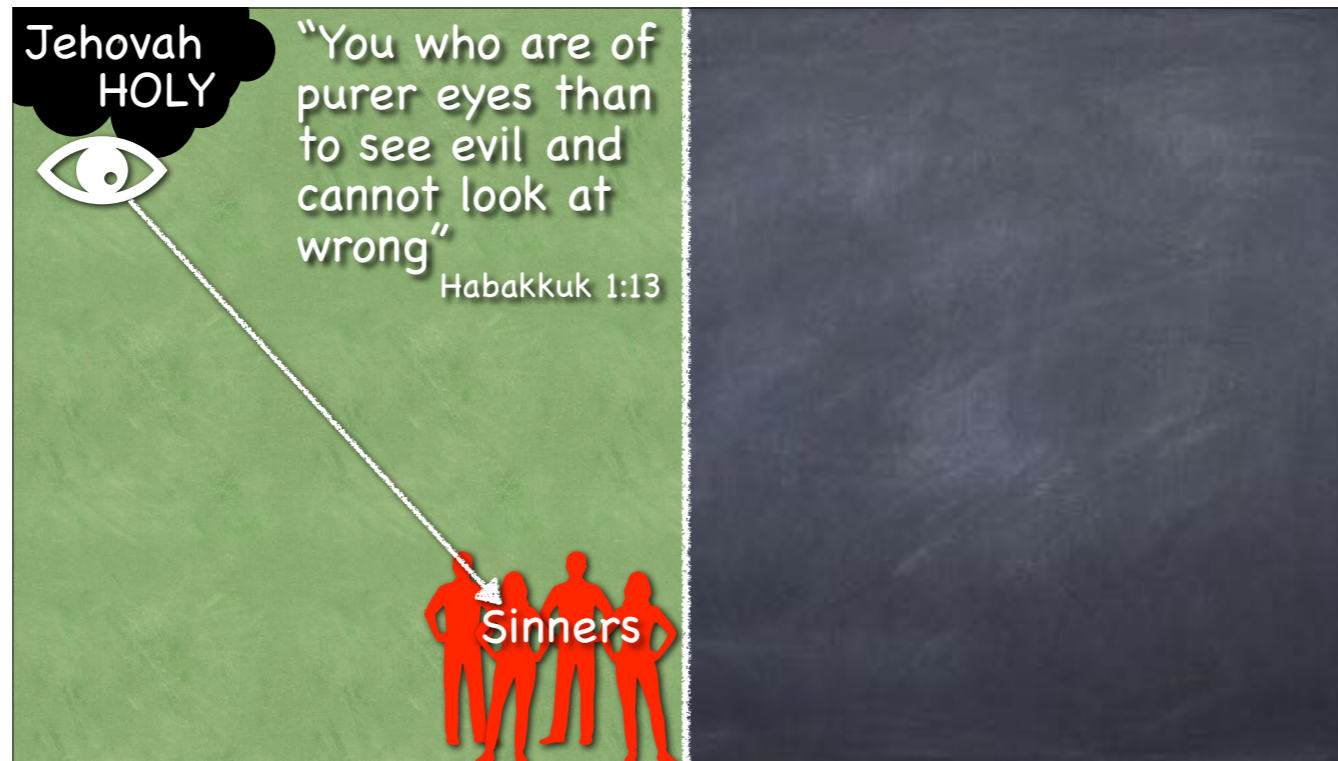
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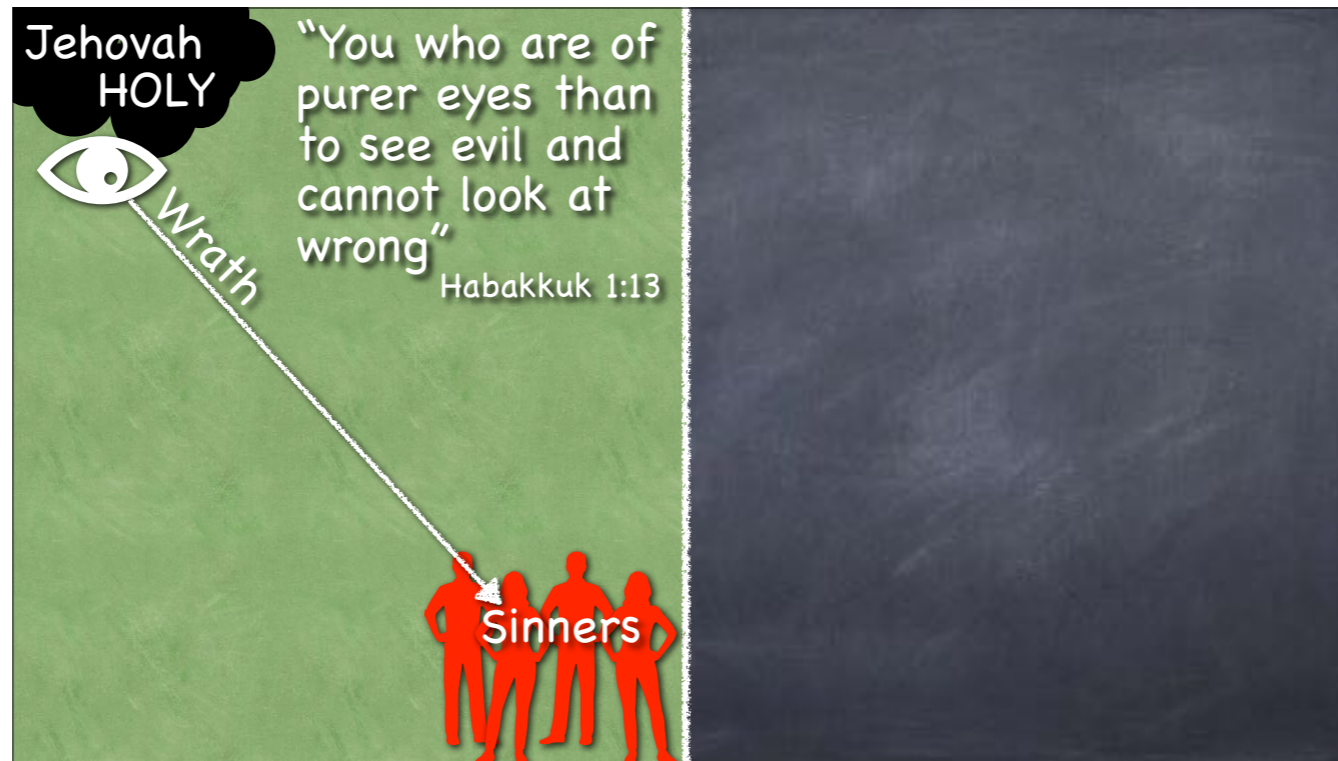
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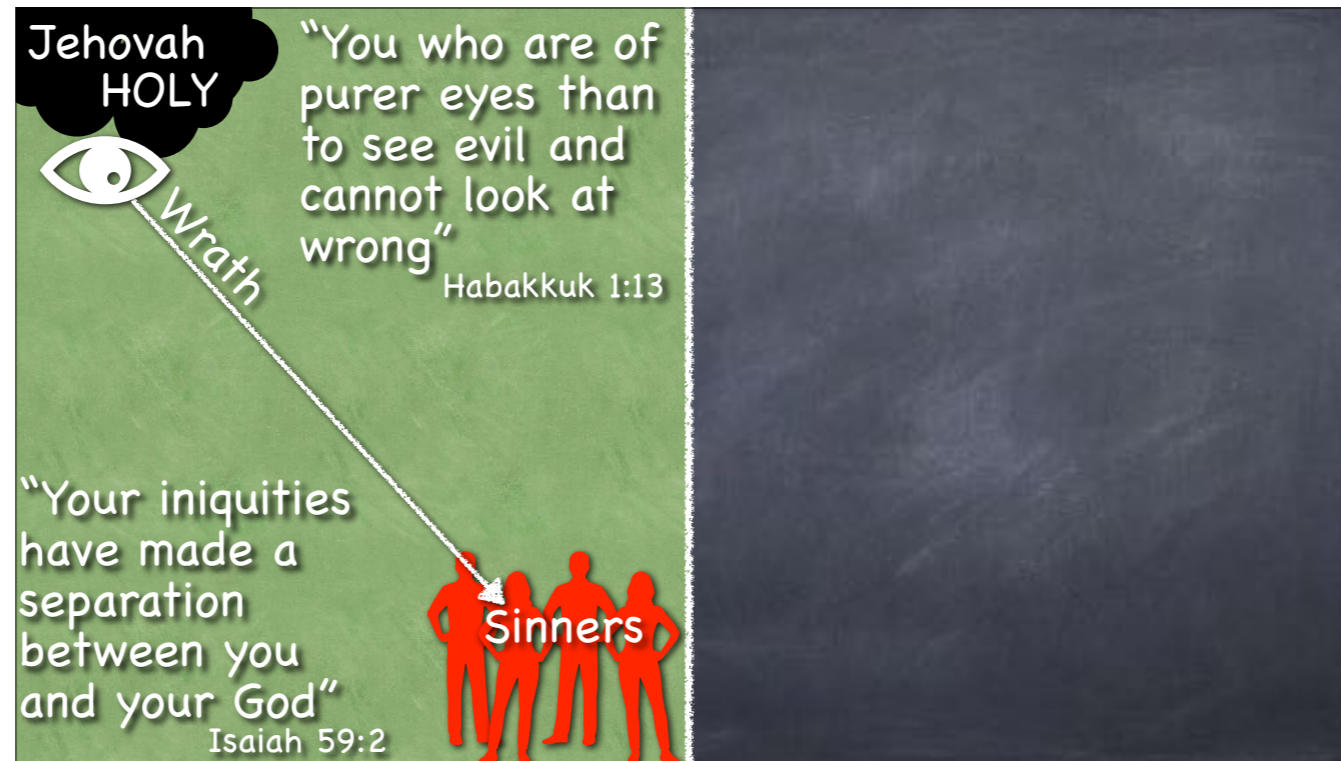
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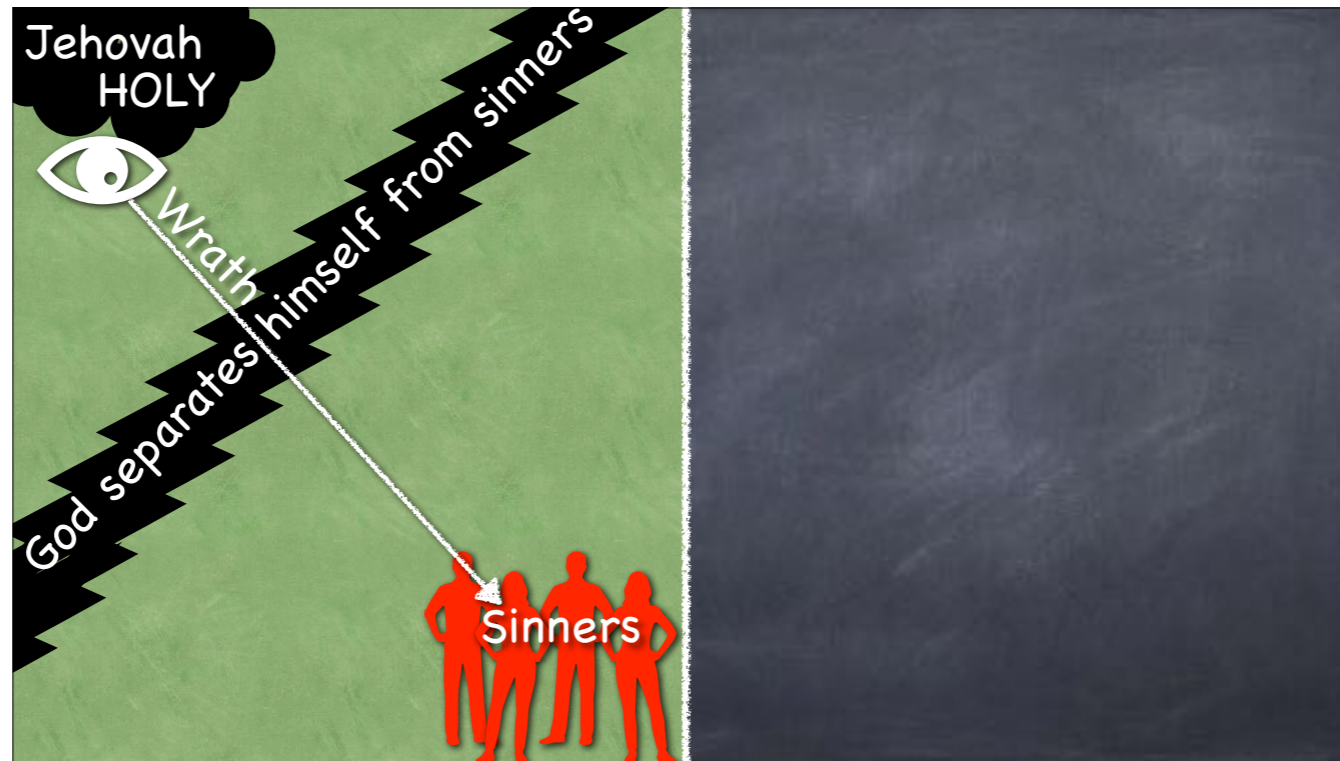
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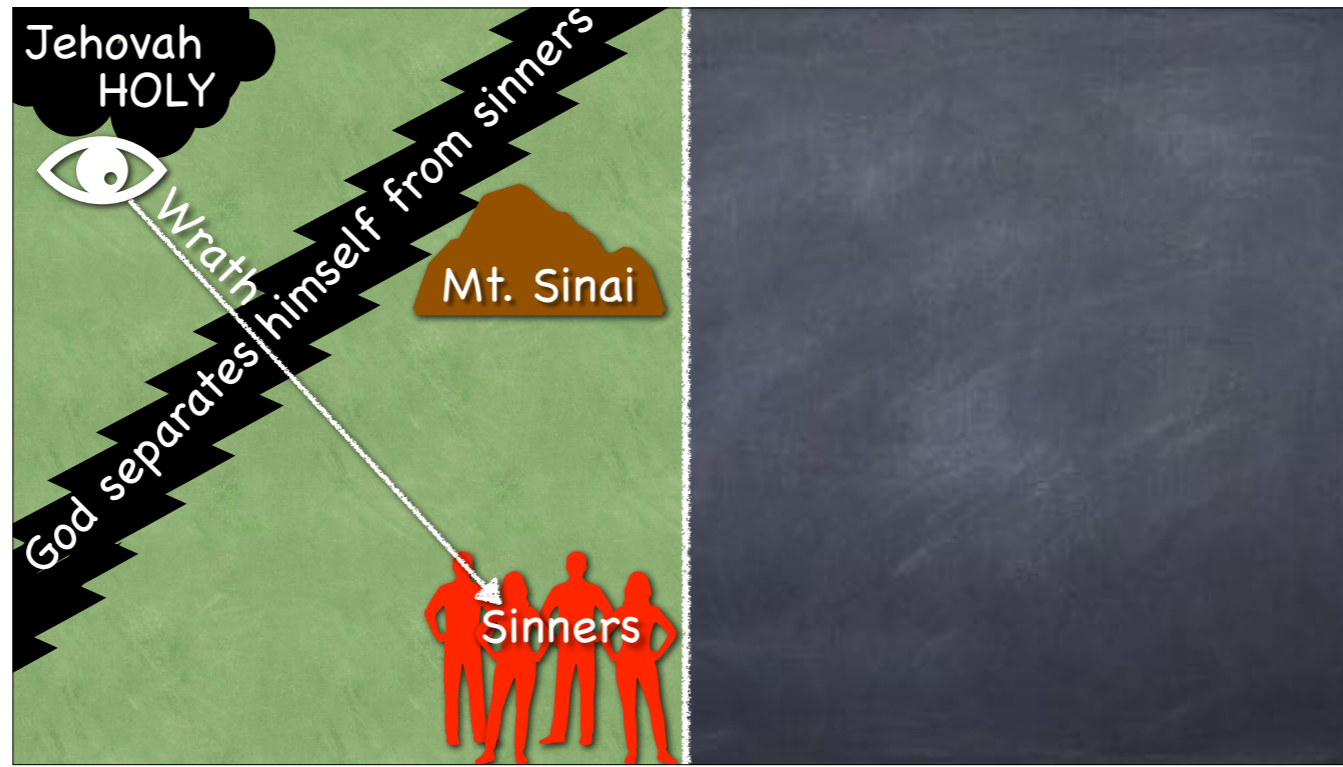
Sinners

- Separation from sinners.
- God can't even look on us.





- When man sinned by eating fruit in the garden, God cast him out of the garden. Angel with flaming sword.
- Jeremiah 7:15 (ESV) 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.



Jehovah  
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Wrath  
himself from sinners



Mt. Sinai

"Do not come  
near; take your  
sandals off your  
feet, for the  
place on which  
you are standing  
is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5



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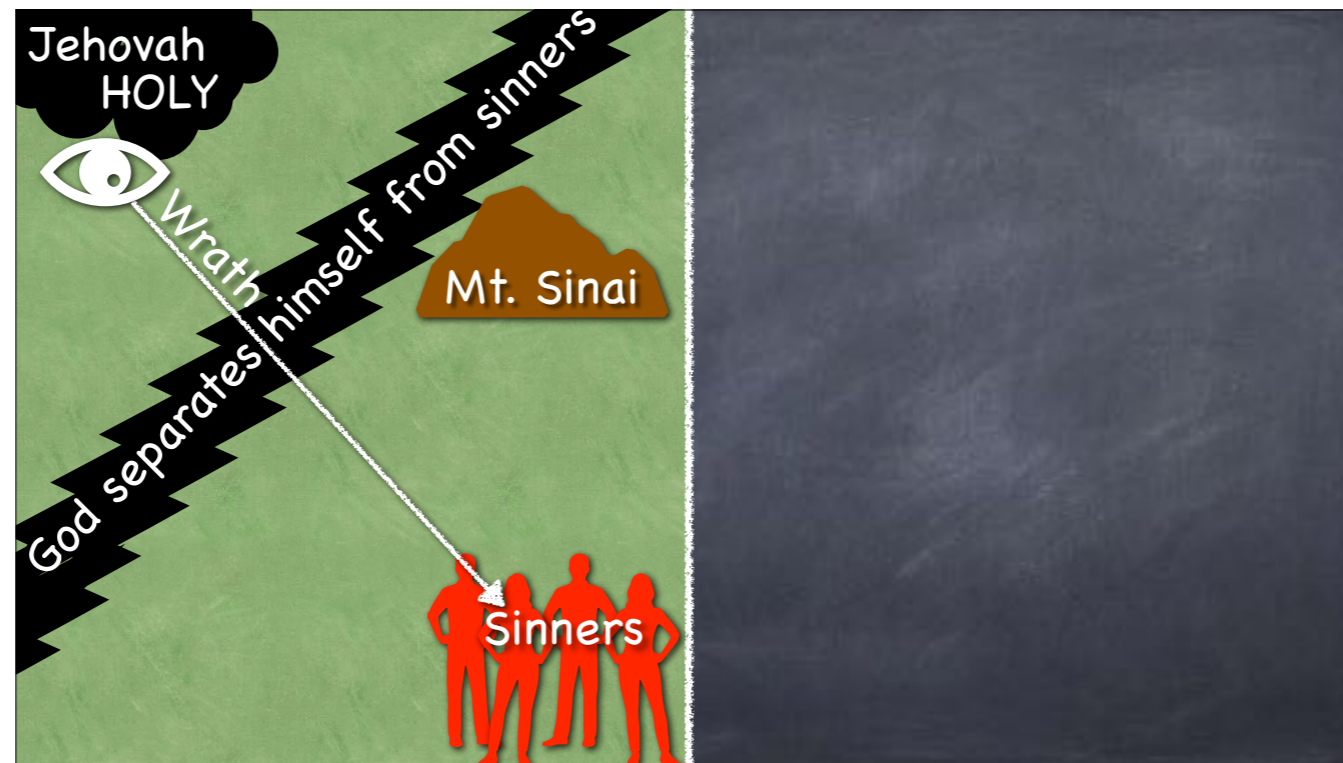
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limits for the  
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Exodus 19:12

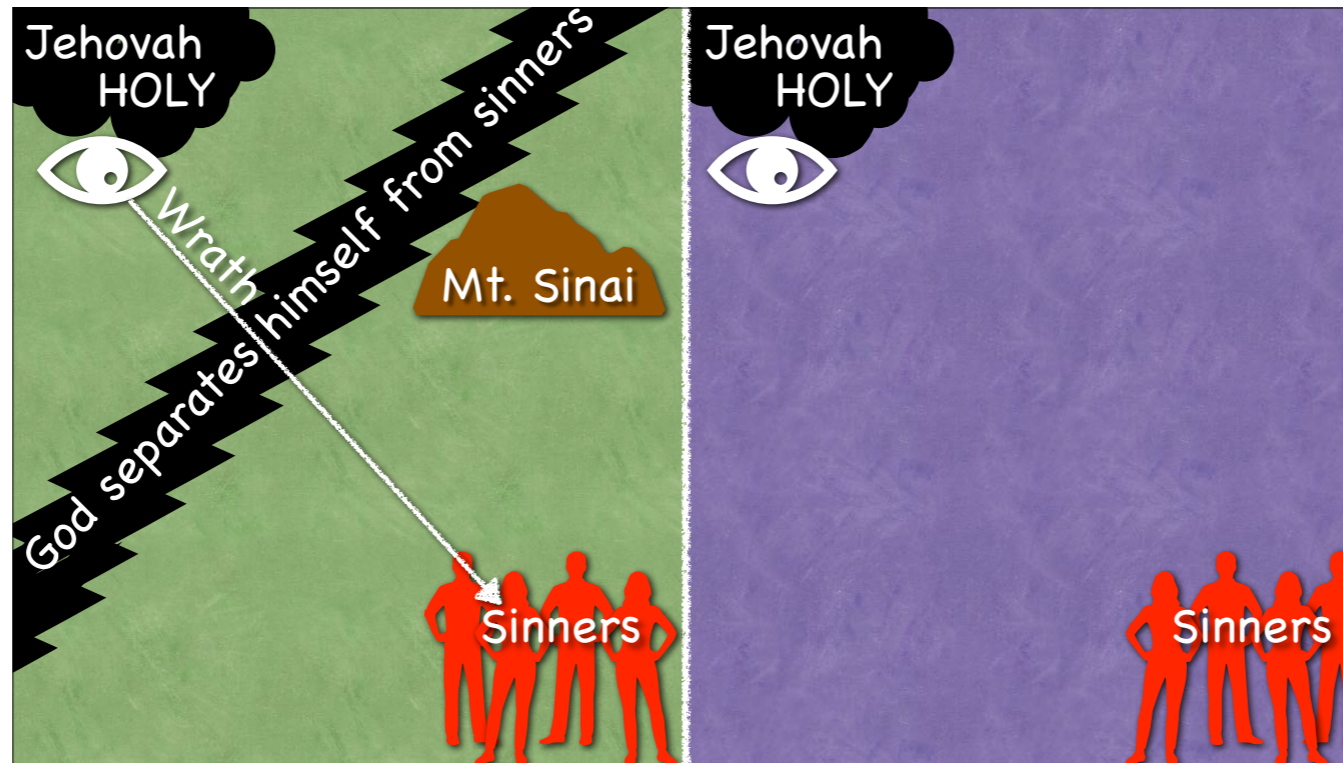
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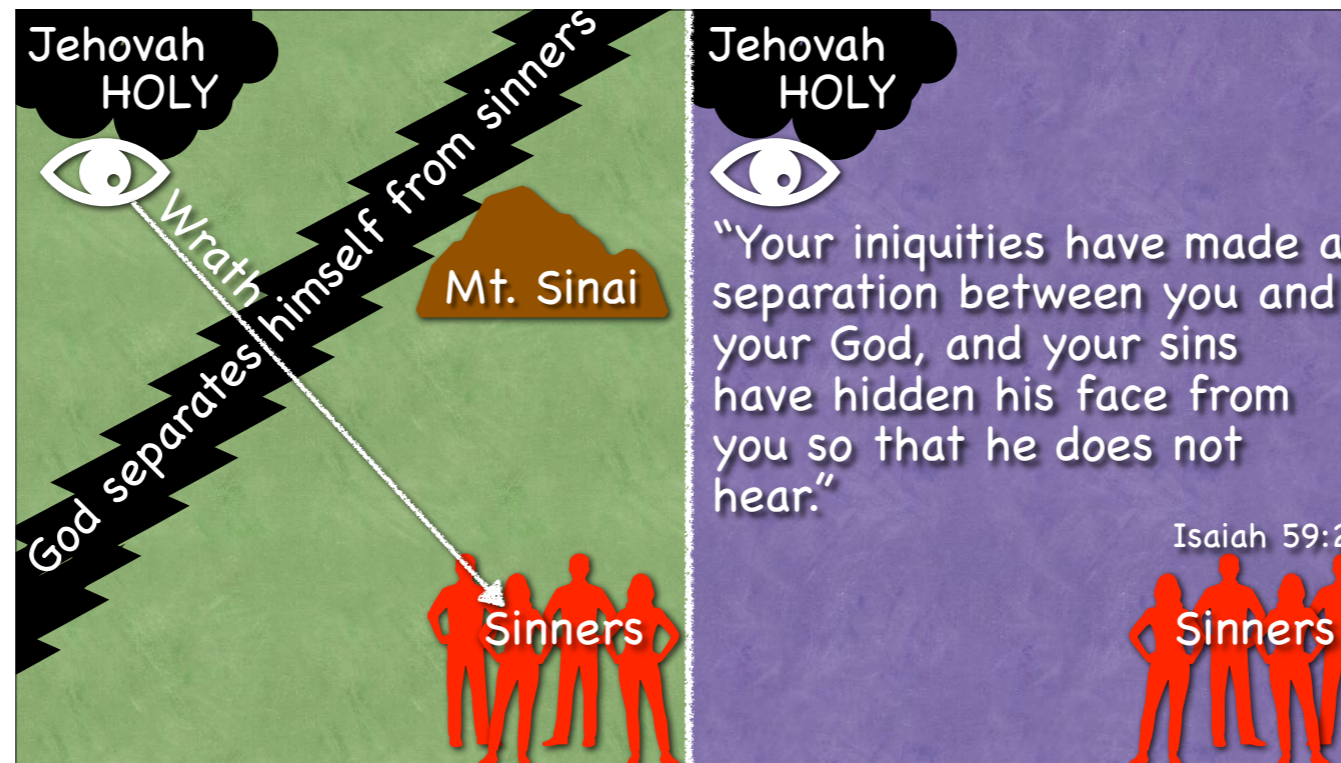




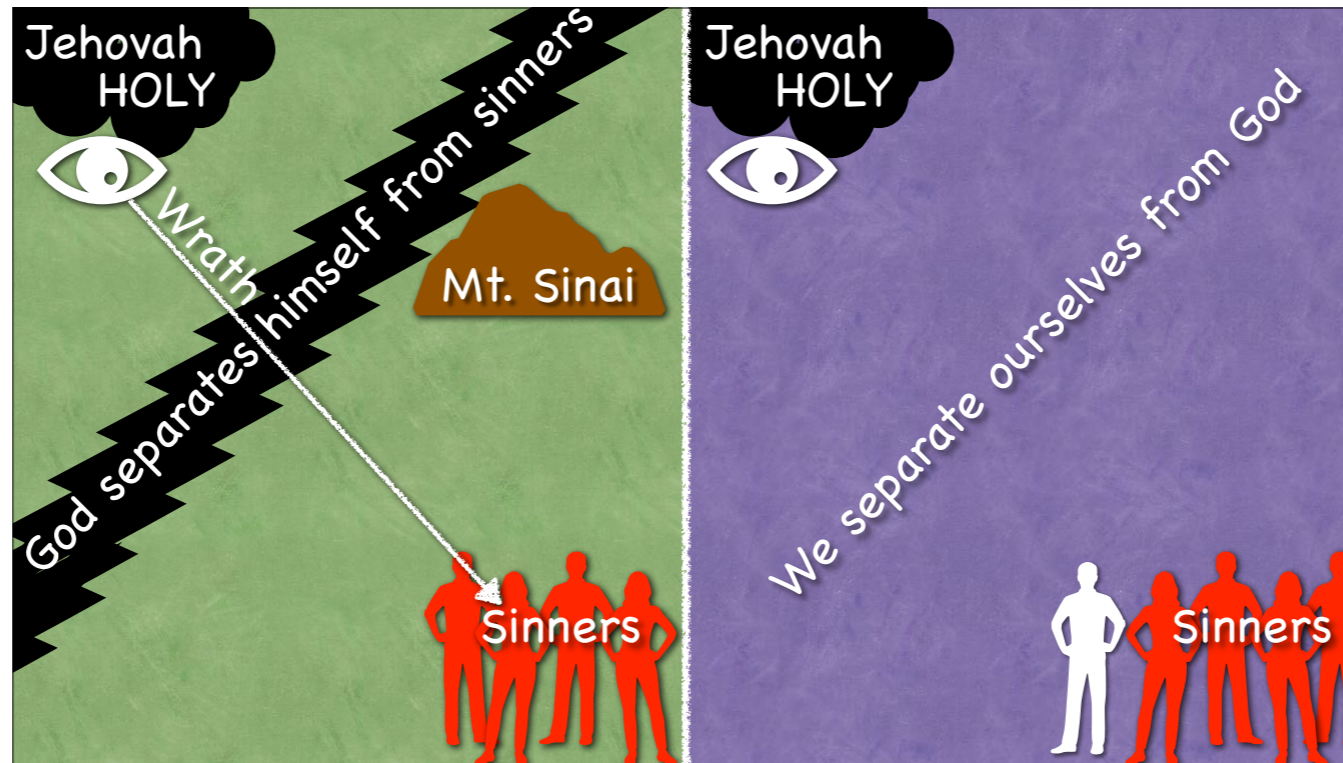
- Is this a true and full picture of God's holiness?
- Is this what holiness is about?
- And how could I be like this?



- Another way of looking at God's holiness.

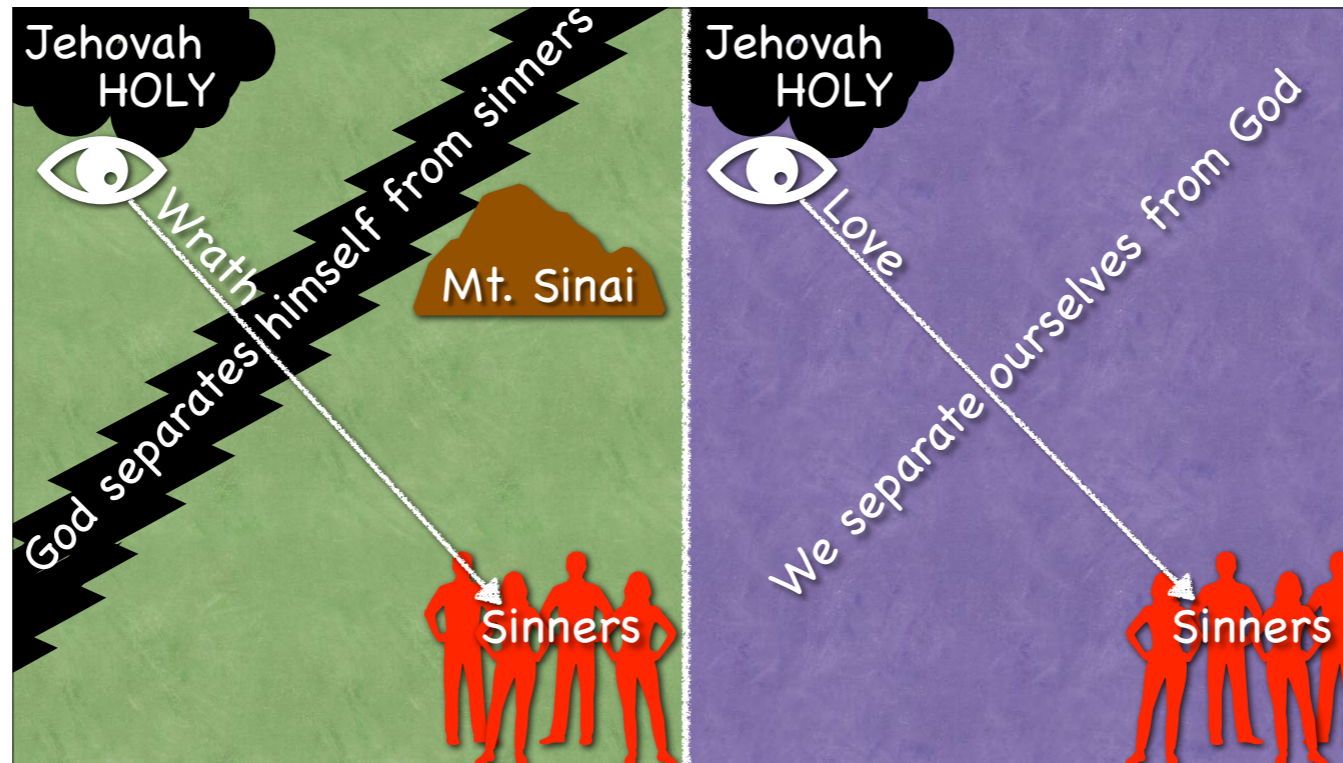


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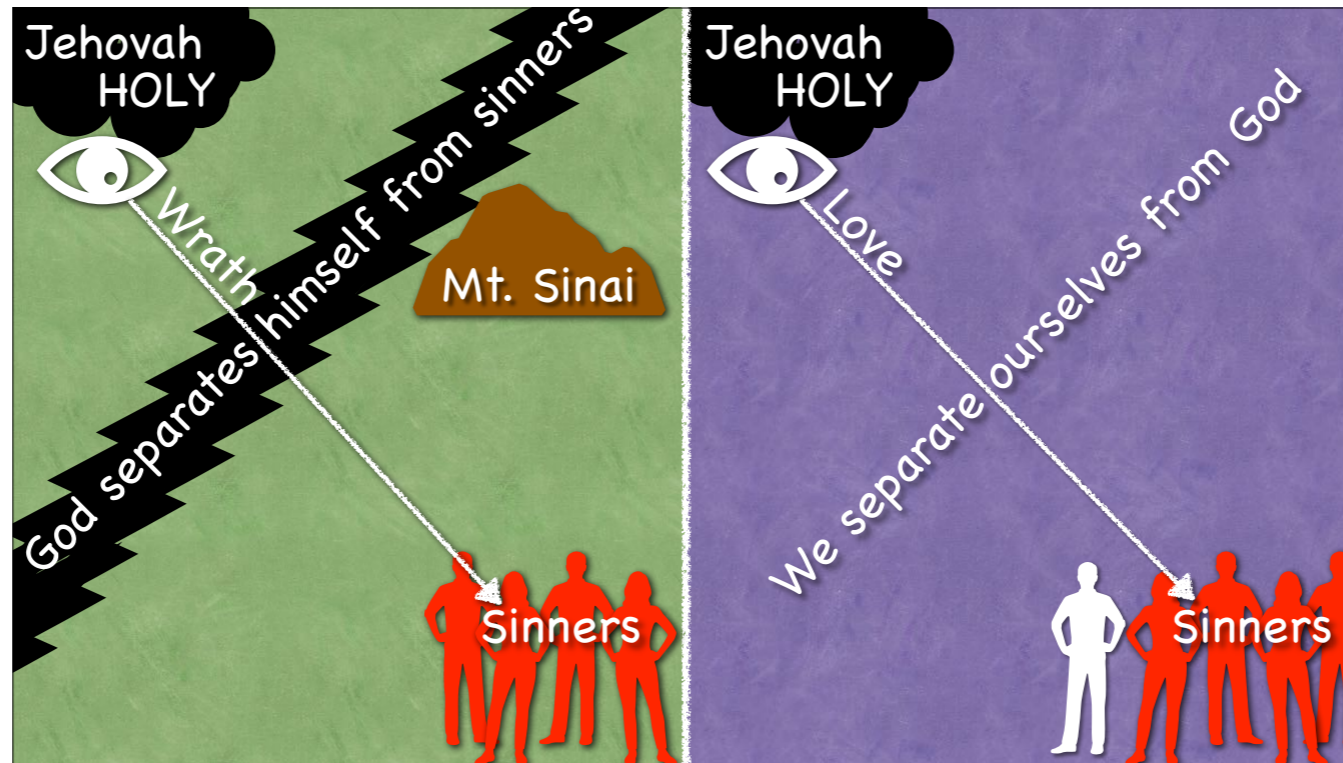


- When we sin, we separate ourselves from God.

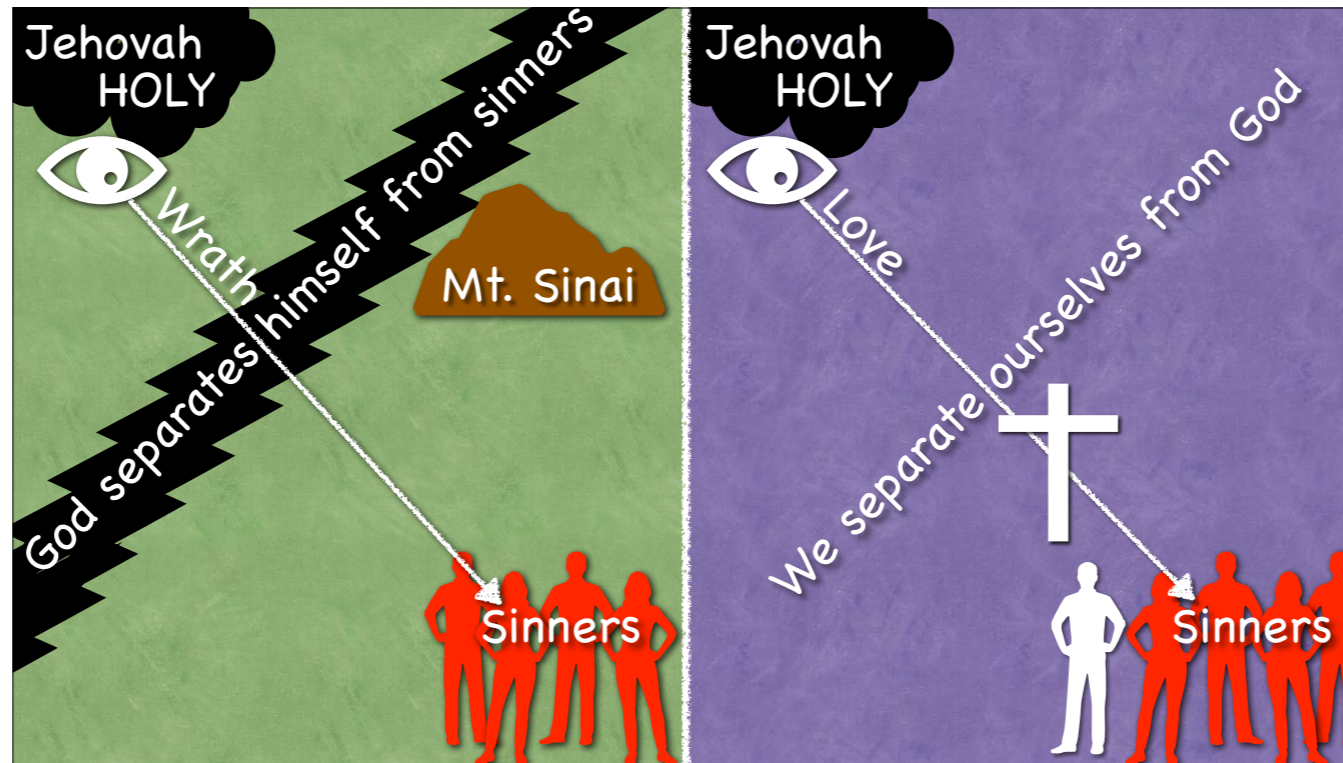




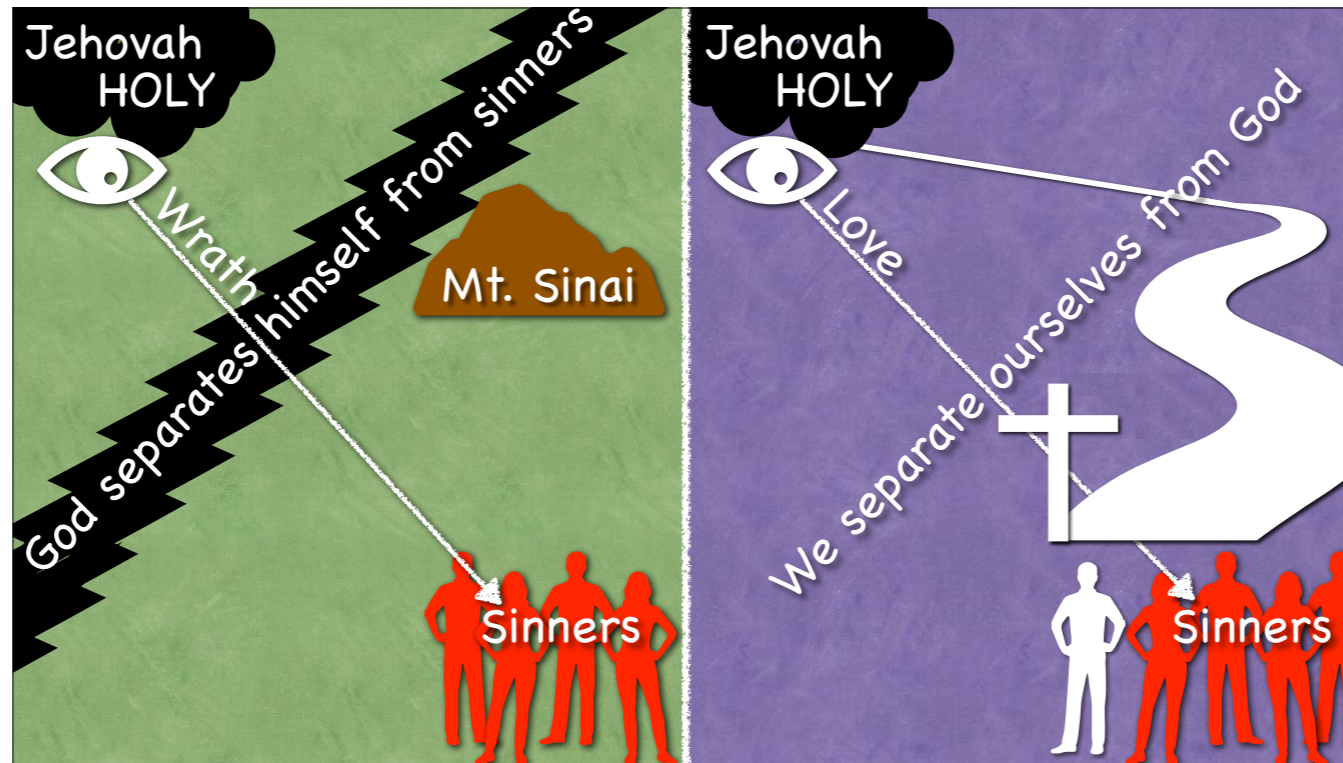
- John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- Holy Love that reconciles
- Holy love that reunites with Father
- Holy love that makes a way for us that we cannot do for ourselves.
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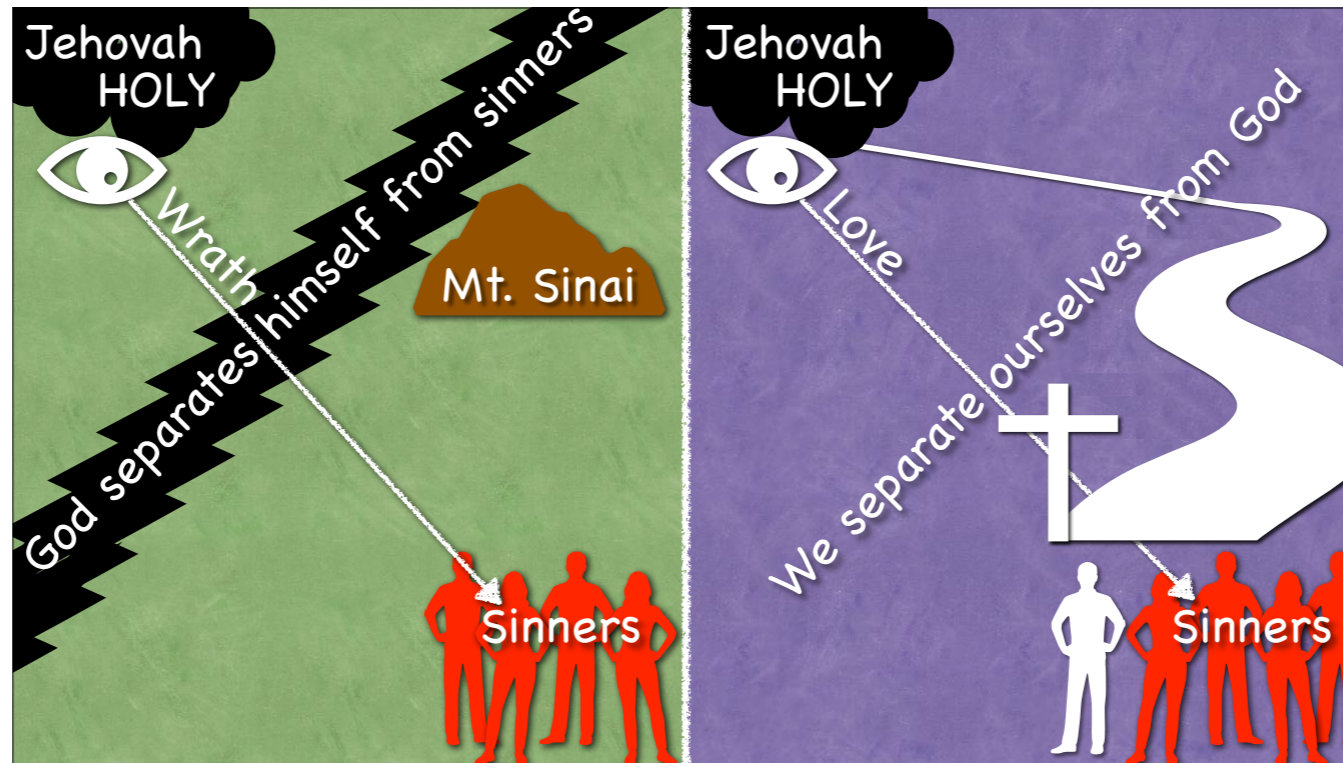
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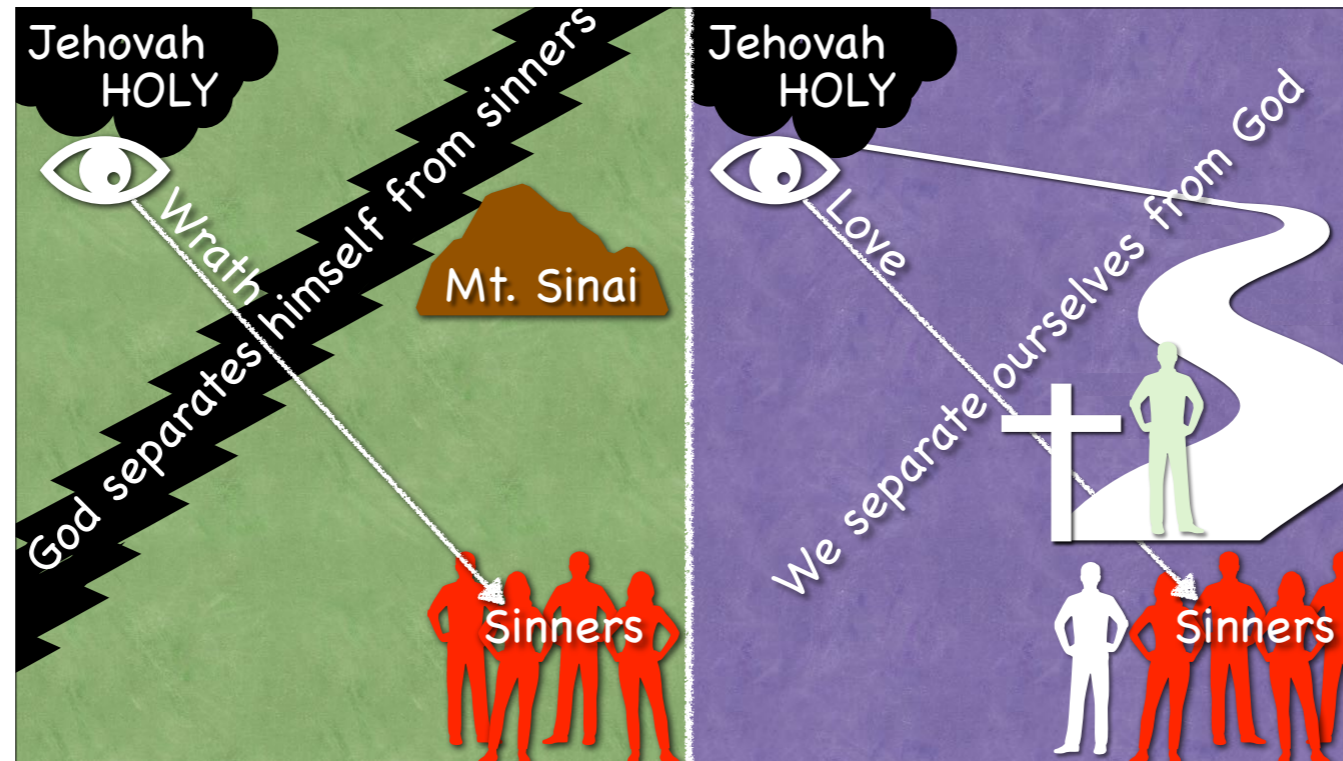
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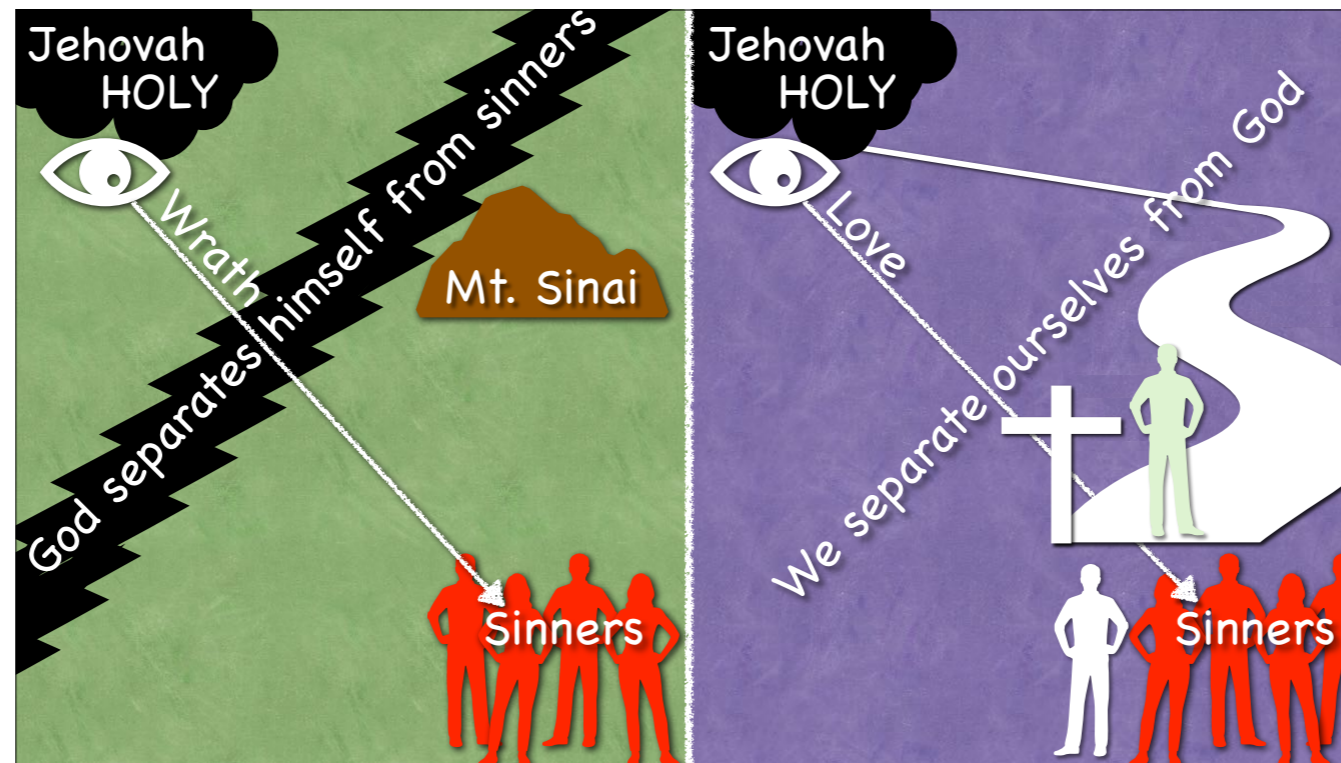
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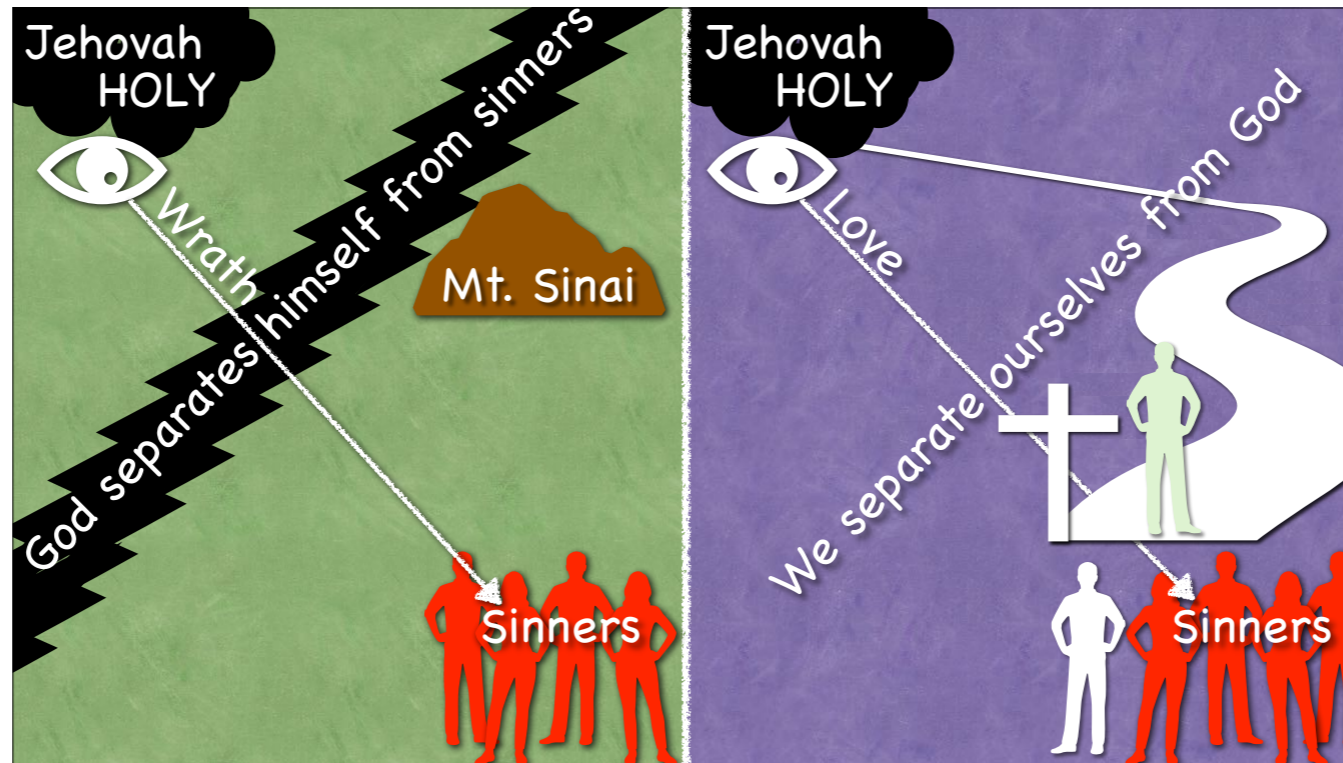
- Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV) 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



- Baptism
  - Romans 6:1-4 (ESV) 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

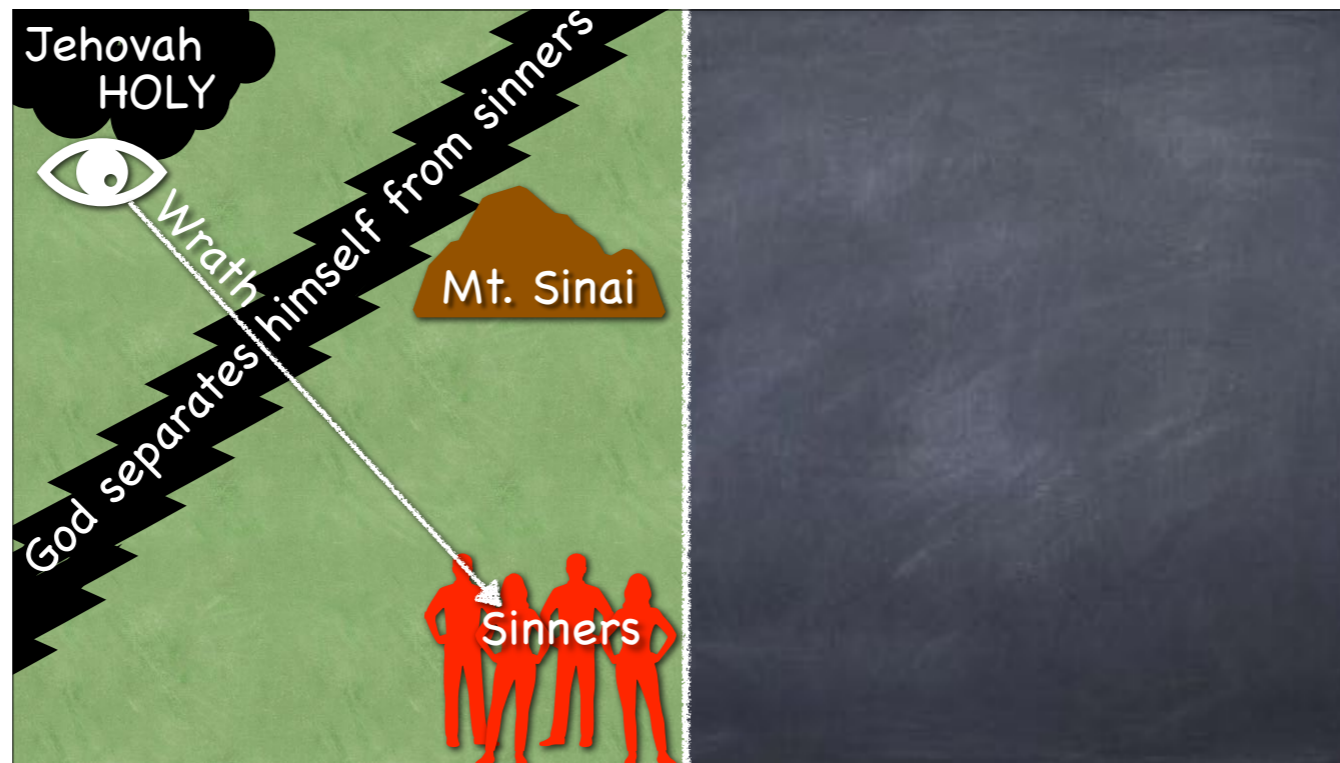


- Romans 6:19-23 (ESV) so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

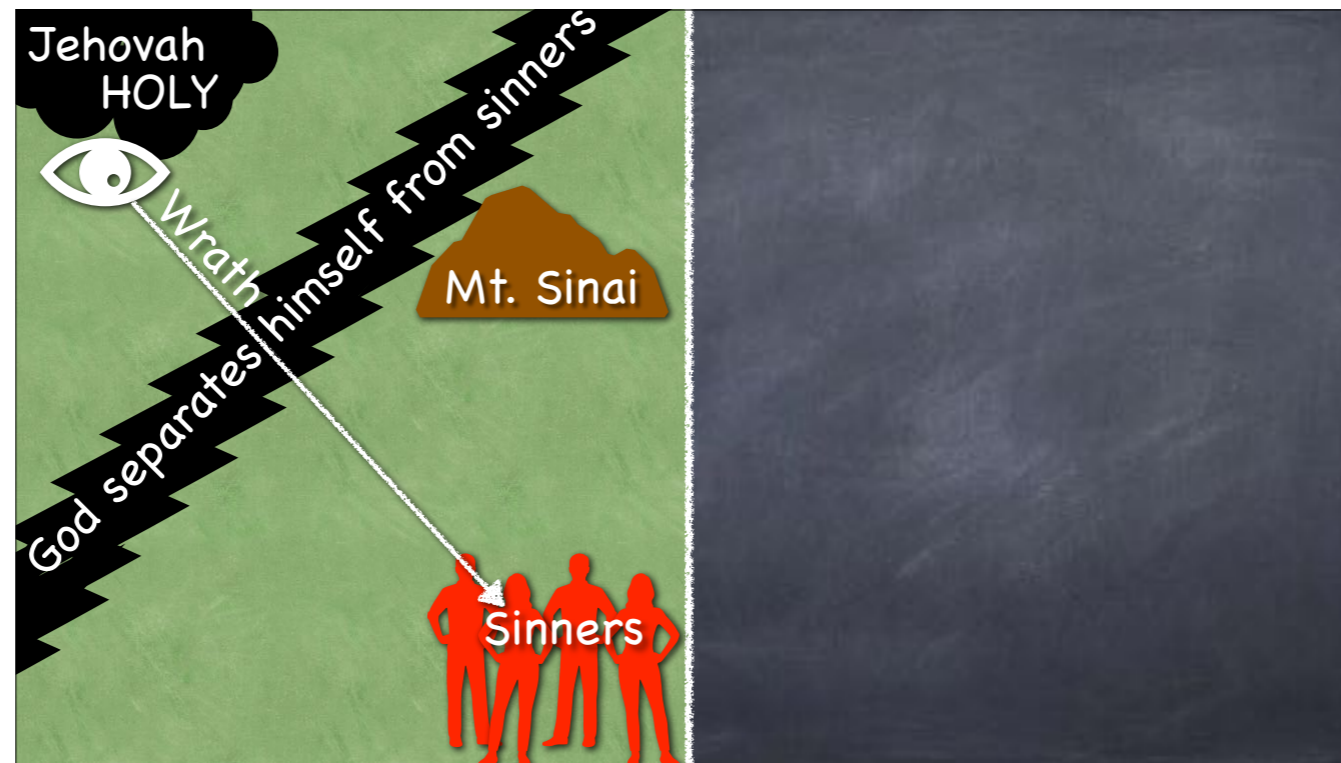


- Which of these is correct?
  - Both in certain ways and situations!

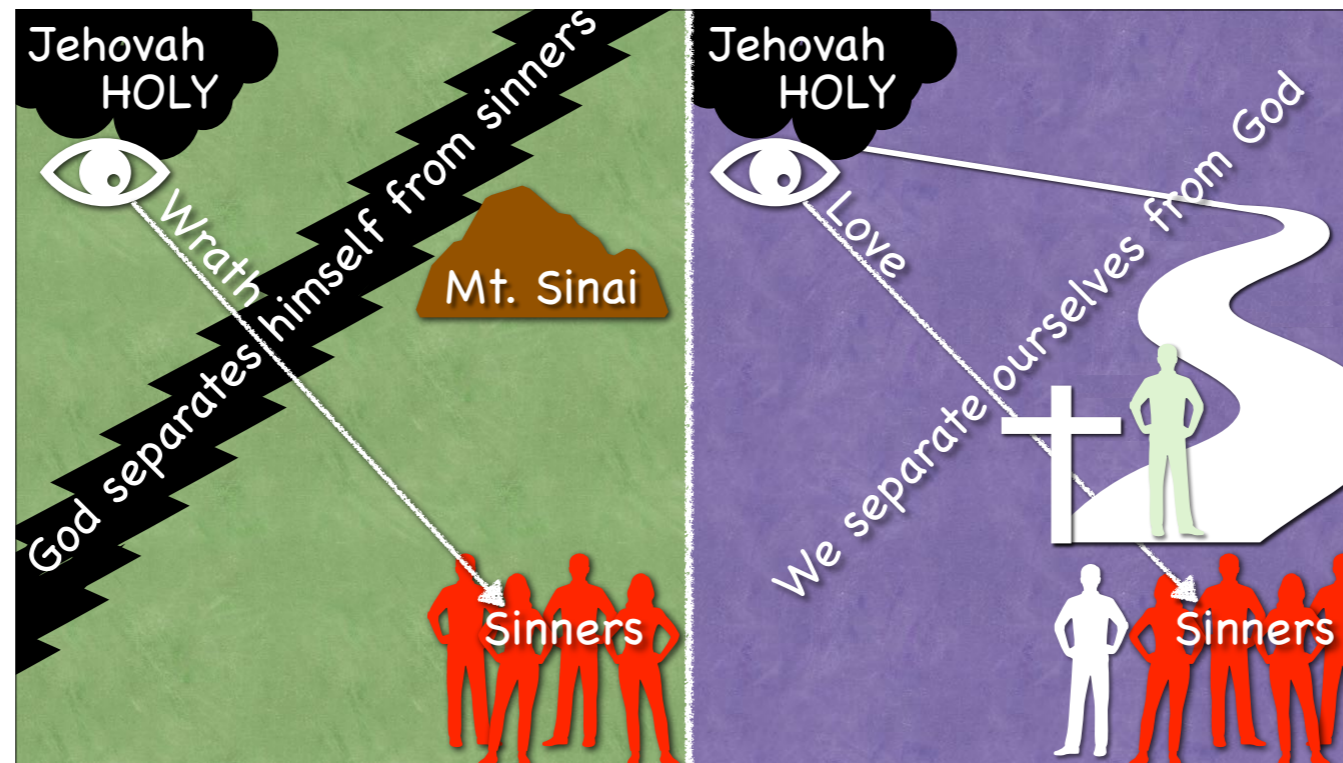




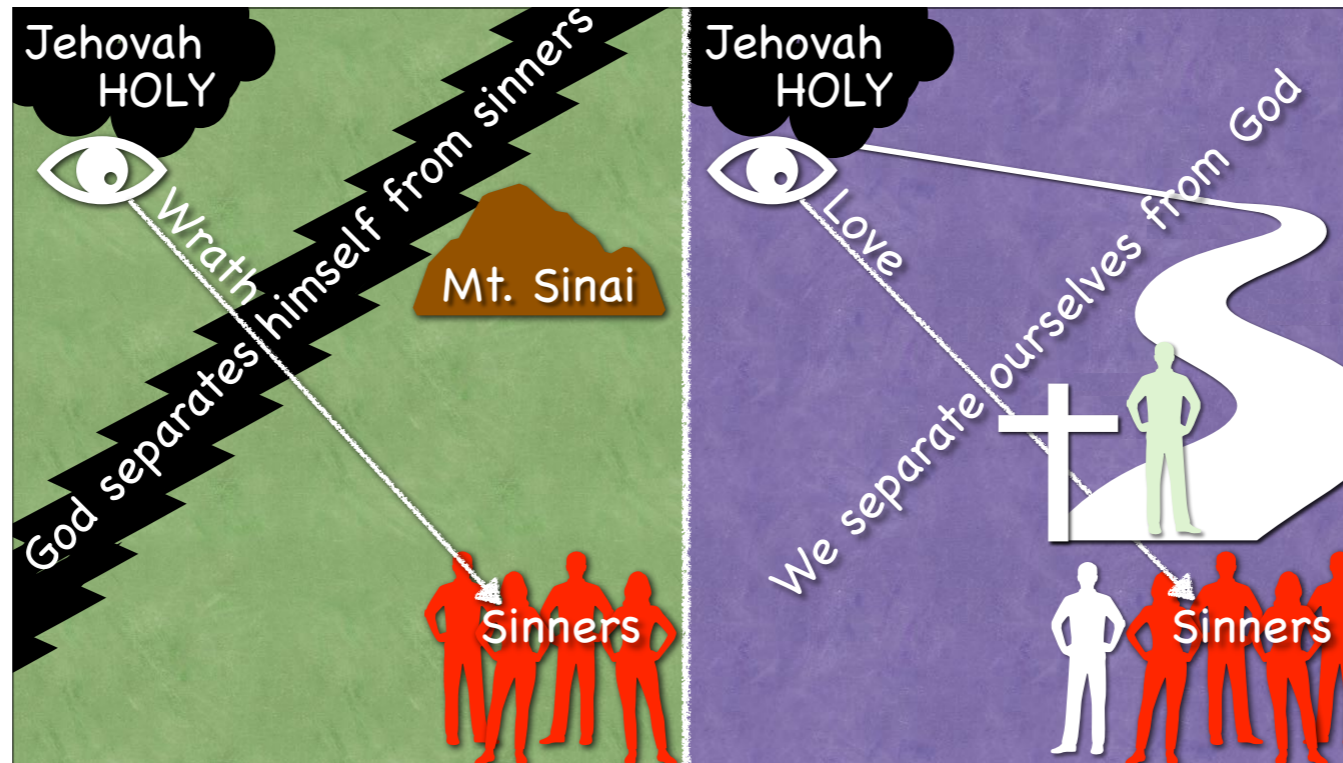
- If we see His holiness exclusively this way...
- Jehovah is holy and wrath is a result of our sin.
  - When we get bad enough, He does turn away.
  - Generally any sin...



- Like the Pharisees did... turned it into a reason to condemn others, separate from them.
- Pharisees put the emphasis on this aspect of holiness also (Separated Ones)
- God is holy.
- We are to be holy as He is holy.
- Therefore we must separate ourselves from others who are not as holy?
  - Emphasizes exclusiveness.



- But we must also remember the preeminence of His love.
  - Holiness that doesn't want us to be separate from Him in spite of what we've done.
  - Holiness that provides brings us back together



- Our holiness needs to be like God's holiness.
  - But we don't have the right to judge, or vengeance.
  - Includes the sacrifices necessary to help others be like us.
  - Holiness that is striving for inclusiveness not exclusiveness

**bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.**

2 Corinthians 7:1

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1 Peter 1:15-16

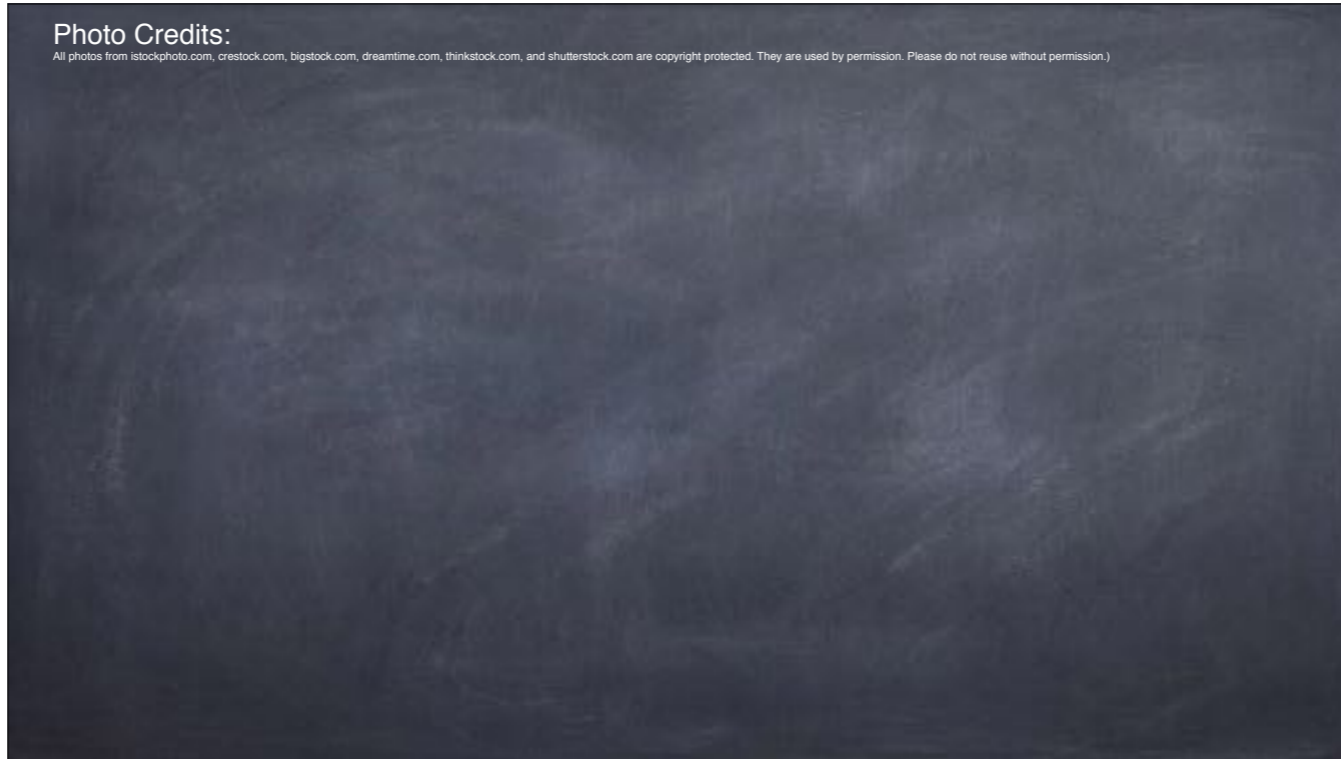
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**We implore you on  
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be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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## Go On To Holiness - 1

2 Corinthians 7:1

Synopsis: An important aspect of maturity in a follower of Jesus is holiness. In this lesson we'll deal with two struggles we have with the idea of being holy. First that through Christ we are holy. Second helping us to better understand what holiness is.

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