

God's Holiness – Part 2

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I. The Holy One and His creatures.

A. The presence of the Holy One only allows for holy beings.

1. In this day, the sense of the holy is not upon the church.

2. If we are going to be narrow in the church on a topic than we ought to be narrow on the right thing - an emphasis on the holiness of God.

B. We have lost a sense of the holy. (Revelation 7)

1. Too many are Christians, technically.

a. This kind of Christianity is to be feared.

b. If one has not felt a sense of vileness in contrast to God's sense of holiness, then it is difficult to imagine one having partaken in true repentance.

2. The pictures of the Seraphim and the consuming fire are expressions of God's holiness. (Ezekiel 10, Isaiah 33)

3. Was there ever a high priest who dared to look upon the Shekinah glory of God?

4. The church was born out of fire - God branded his holiness upon his people. The awful sense of God's Holy Presence will be the fire that consumes the elements.

C. The Holy One and the sinner.

1. Man is no one to make the decision when or whether to accept Christ or not. Man is full of iniquity, while God is from everlasting and intent not to look upon iniquity. (Habakkuk 1:12, 13)

Application questions.

1. How would you describe the holiness of God in relationship to the vileness of man?

2. Of all challenges that the church faces today - challenges to disciple, memorize scripture, etc— why should holiness take a central role?

3. What feelings to the images of the Seraphim and God's consuming fire invoke in you?
