

## THE HOLINESS OF GOD

"...Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." - Revelation 4:8.

"...Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.'

- Leviticus 19:2

God is holy! He is perfect! God could not look upon Jesus when He was dying on the cross. Christ had all the sins of the world upon Him. God cannot stand sin. Man tries to "bring God down to their level." But God wants people to "come up to His level" of holiness. Peter tells us, "Be ye holy; for I am holy"-I Peter 1:16.

### I. HIS PERSONALITY IS HOLY

A. Perfect - Hebrews 5:9. Christ was made perfect. Both God and Christ had no beginning and will have no end. Man has sought to find fault in Him and His Word, but can find none.

B. Personality - Isaiah 6:1-8. Isaiah saw the holiness of the Lord. Notice Isaiah's words, "I am undone." When we see how holy God is, we will see how unholy we are!

C. Position-Psalm 24:3. Notice here who shall stand in HIS HOLY PLACE, God is holy! Heaven is a holy place for holy people.

D. Purity-Hebrews 4:15. Christ was tempted as we are, yet without sin. He is pure and without spot.

### II. HIS PROMISES ARE HOLY

A. Surety - Numbers 23:19. God is not a man. God does not change His mind. God will keep His Word. His Word is sure. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever"- Isaiah 40:8.

B. Sinless - James 5:16. Notice we must confess our sins and be righteous, then the Lord will answer prayer and keep His promise.

C. Standard-John 15:7. For every promise there are conditions which we must meet. Here we must "abide in him."

D. Settled - Titus 1:2. God can't lie! God can do many things, but He cannot lie! He will keep His promises.

THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE MUST MEET IN ORDER FOR HIM TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS - THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE HOLY!

### III. HIS PLAN IS HOLY

God's plan for His people is holy. Note these steps!

A. The Plea-II Corinthians 6:17. "Come out" and be separate, or live different than sinners and the world.

B, The Purging - II Corinthians 7:1. Notice here, "cleanse self" from all filthiness of the flesh.

C. The Plan-I John 2:15-17. Love not the world. Loving and taking part in the world. The "world" means the pleasures and the sins of the world.

D. The Purity - Hebrews 12:14. Necessary to live a holy life if we expect to see God.

E. The Persistence-I Timothy 5:22. Abstain from all the appearance of evil and sin.

F. The Practice - I Thessalonians 5:22. Keep THYSELF pure!

G. The Promise - Matthew 5:8. Only the pure in heart will see God. If we can't live pure now, we would feel out of place in heaven.

Since God is holy, all Christians should live a holy life. Holy in: (1) Our Conduct - Galatians 5:16; (2) Holy in our Character - I Corinthians 9:27; and (3) Holy in our Conversation- I Peter 1:15-16. Since God is holy HE DEMANDS THAT WE LIVE HOLY!

