

HOLINESS UNTO GOD

Notes for Podcast: *Holiness Unto God*

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Summary of Podcast: The Body of Christ has lost a sense of the holiness of God and holiness unto God. The Greater Glory is coming to the Church and she must prepare herself to take part in this last day outpouring by becoming fully set apart to God in reverence and personal holiness. Three things aid growth in holiness: (1) to see glorified Jesus as He is, (2) to set one's self apart to God, and (3) to develop a close personal relationship with God.

Further Discussion:

Who is this glorified Jesus? Jesus appeared on earth in the fullness of time as baby Jesus. He was born of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. He was God and man. His birth was miraculous. It was announced by angels and witnessed by the shepherds, who tended and groomed the unblemished lambs for Passover. He was acknowledged by prophet Simeon and prophetess Anna as the Savior and a Light to the Gentiles. But if our only concept of Him was as the baby Jesus, who soiled His diapers, sometimes spit up his food, and cooed at us, we would fall far short of seeing Him as He really is. We would be filled with wonder, but our level of worship and awe would not be appropriate.

Jesus grew to maturity as the sinless Lamb of God. He was presented at His baptism as Son of God, well-pleasing to Father God. He endured temptation and the hardships of this life without flaw, fault, or sin. Miracles, words of wisdom and life flowed from Him as He fulfilled the prophecies spoken by the Old Testament prophets. He revealed the Father to us. His crucifixion and resurrection proved He was the acceptable Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and offers eternal life to those who come to Him.

We are most familiar with Jesus as this humble, sacrificial lamb. His death and resurrection provided our salvation, for which we are eternally grateful. We honor and worship Him. However, we have too often seen Him more as the human Jesus, Son of Suffering, than the glorified Jesus. If we only worship Jesus in this capacity, we fall short of who He is. Sometimes, in viewing His humanness,

we leave out the greater dimension of His glory that causes awe and reverential fear of God.

When Jesus ascended to sit on His throne in Heaven, He was revealed in a new dimension. In His death and resurrection, He was victorious over Hades and death. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. His name is “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come” (Ephesians 1:21 NKJV). We must expand our view of Jesus to include His glory. This revelation brings a deeper awe and realization of His holiness (complete otherness) that causes a renewed reverence. When Peter and the disciples viewed Jesus in the transfiguration, “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light” (Matthew 17:2; Revelation 1:13-17 NKJV). A new awe was born that caused the disciples to fall on their faces in great reverential fear (Matthew 17:1-8). He is not baby Jesus or just the earthly Jesus, Lamb of God Who takes Away the Sins of the World. He is King of Glory and Lord of Hosts, the Almighty, conquering King whose name is above every name- the One “crowned with glory and honor” who rules the entire Earth. This realization engenders a deep reverential holy fear (awe) of Jesus as He is now.

Read and ponder The Revelation of Jesus Christ:
Rev. 1:8-18; 19:11-16

What does holiness mean? Holiness and sanctification are closely related terms. Both involve being set apart to God for a holy use. Both involve growing in grace toward a walk of moral purity and consecration to God. Both require personal dedication and intentional action. We might think of the verse in 2 Corinthians that reads: “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord . . .” (2 Cor. 6:17, 14-18). This verse does not mean to leave the world and live as a hermit. It means to avoid communion and agreement with the world and its values to live a life in communion with God and His values while functioning in the world as salt and light.

Holiness is a life dedicated to God’s purposes, characterized by moral purity and separation from sin. It means giving yourself to live in accordance with God’s will, reflecting His character in all aspects of life. The phrase “holiness unto God” emphasizes a commitment to living a life that honors God in thought, words, and

actions. Holiness involves separation from the world's values and practices that contradict God's teachings. It means dedicating one's life, including one's actions, thoughts, and desires to serving God. Here, one's life reflects God's attributes of love, mercy, and righteousness.

Holiness is not a singular event in time, but a continuous journey of growth and transformation through faith, obedience, and consecration to God and His purposes. In this ongoing process, one declares: "One thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let as many as are mature, have this mind" (See Philippians 3:1-21 NKJV).

Read and study holiness: Hebrews 12:14-29 NKJV
1 Peter 1:15-16 NKJV
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV
Romans 12:1-2, 14-29 NIV
1 John 3:1-10 ESV
1 John 5 :18 NIV
Philippians 3:1-21 NKJV

Old Testament Prophecy of Our Day: The initial outpouring of Holy Spirit took place on the first Pentecost as promised by Jesus (Acts 1:4). This event marked the beginning of the Church and its mission (Acts 2; Joel 2:28-32). This passage in Joel promises an even greater outpouring and a greater harvest than that received by the early church. It promises a double portion of Holy Spirit activity that enlivens the entire Body of Christ. It shows a great last day harvest that will include a multitude, including a great company of both Jews and Gentiles (Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:1-36).

Signs that verify full participation in the New Covenant: Joel 2:28-32

God's Desire to Reveal His Power: 2 Chronicles 16:9

Signs of Life: Everything that is alive does three things:

1. It is hungry and eats (has innate hunger)
2. It moves (is not stagnant or stationary)
3. It grows/matures to adulthood and reproduces

Ponder these stages of development. Ask God to show you where you are within these stages. Ask God to give you rapid and solid growth as you set yourself apart and seek Him.

How to Grow in Holiness unto the Lord: How do you move toward holiness? You grow your relationship with God. Through a prayer of consecration, you intentionally set yourself apart to God. You give Him your whole being.

Then, you become closer and more intimate with God by making relationship with God a priority. This is not a legalistic setting of time. You start with what you have. You make a step toward God. You ask Him to meet you there and bless you with His presence. No relationship improves without an investment of quality time.

You wake up by greeting Him first thing in the morning and inviting Him into your day. Your last words before you close your eyes to sleep voice praise and gratitude to Him and a desire to fasten your thoughts and dreams on Him during the night.

You set aside a consistent time for worship, prayer, and Bible reading. Again, you start with what you have. If you have fifteen minutes, you start with that. As your relationship grows, so will your desire and quality time. You enter your time with Him through the door of thanksgiving and praise. You open your heart to God asking Him to meet you. You invite Holy Spirit. You open the Holy Scripture and read your passage. (Let me caution you: If you are a new or unlearned Christian, don't jump all over the Bible. It is difficult to understand the context and meaning that way. Maybe start with the gospels or a psalm.)

The word of God is inspired by Holy Spirit. Its words are full of Holy Spirit. Like a mirror the scripture shines a light on your soul illuminating and removing any hidden darkness and bringing spiritual health and wholeness (2 Corinthians 3:18).

You take that Word with you daily- even if it is just one verse. You ponder it and meditate on it, keeping close to Him and keeping His word close throughout the day.

Romans says: “Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you might prove (demonstrate) what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

You open yourself to transformation as you ask yourself questions about the biblical text:

- What does this passage show about God, His character, His thoughts and actions toward me?
- What does it show me about humans and their tendencies? The godly and ungodly?
- What do I learn about the Kingdom of God?
- Is there a lesson or life truth I can take away from this passage? Is it urging me to change my attitude or behavior in some way?
- What is the Holy Spirit illuminating to me personally? What should I do in light of this word?

Ask God’s help in making these changes. Perhaps, memorize this passage or a key verse so it will always be with you.

Journaling: Journaling the truths and insights you receive during your time with the Lord is a beautiful way to show your growth and remember the lessons you have learned. If Holy Spirit speaks a personal word of encouragement to you or gives you a dream that is from Him, you will have a record of it.

Mentor/Teacher: As you come to love God and His word more and more, you might seek a wise teacher /mentor who can show you the foundational truths of the Bible, how to study, understand, and apply the Word of God, and how to function in spiritual disciplines like prayer, hearing God’s voice, worship or witnessing.

Covenant Group: As you grow, seek a small group of mature/maturing believers and come into a covenant relationship of mutual edification and encouragement. There you will grow in understanding His word and your amazing walk with God. There you can confess your sins and shortcomings and receive help and guidance. You will have prayer support and the opportunity to support others. Hearing others' testimonies will strengthen you. Sharing yours will bless them. Participation in a small covenant group can help you discover your gifts and callings and provide a safe place to practice and mature the gifts of the Spirit.

But you never, never forsake or substitute your personal time with God. That would be like hoping your marriage will improve as you spend time with friends while neglecting to spend intimate time with your spouse.

The Blessing of Maturation:

As you continue on with your personal time of worship, prayer, and Bible study, you will grow in your understanding and personal relationship with Him. As you move from being a child of God to becoming a friend of God, He will share with you the things He is doing. He will allow you to take part with Him because you have matured and He can trust you with holy things. (See: John 15:15; Psalms 25:14; Proverbs 3:32.) Wow!

Prayer For Holiness and Full Participation in The Coming Greater Glory:

Lord, we desire you. Lord, we desire to see your glory. Open our eyes to see you as you are. Change us as You see fit. Grant us the gift of humility and holiness so that consecration may mark every minute of our lives as we come to know you intimately and pursue your purposes. Give us a new awareness of You. Anoint our ears, eyes, hands, minds, and our feet to walk in holiness that we may see your glory. Set us apart. Help us. Let us be those who see the Greater Glory. Let us be those who take part in the Greater Glory. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.