

God's Holiness – Part 3

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I. The Holy One and the sinner.

A. Jesus is more than a helper.

1. Ministry unto the Lord was what gathered people in Acts.
2. Holiness was central to the early church.

B. It is only by the infinite patience of God that we are not consumed, for our God is a consuming fire.

1. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.
2. The church no longer expects conviction, because the Holy One is not preached.
3. Our spirituality is watered down - we come to God dirty and do nothing about it, whereas we ought to come to God trembling like Isaiah. (Isaiah 6)
4. There are more churches, but less spirituality - less holiness.

C. May God remain what God is - the Holy One.

1. Even if we are shut out of heaven, may the requirements of God never be shortened.
2. Without holiness it is impossible to please God.
3. Heavenly creatures can bear the holy bliss, but their eyes have never beheld a fallen world.
4. May we not settle to be comforted merely; we will all appear before the judgment seat and no man alone will be able to help us in that awful hour.

D. Conversion is no longer that radical event because the church has forgotten that God is holy.

Application questions.

1. Why is it impossible to please God without holiness? What has our culture done to a proper image of God by not teaching His holiness?

2. The speaker says that the church has compromised the Holy One by denying personal conviction. Does this mean that we ought to expect perfection in our lives?

3. What kind of attitude ought a view of God's holiness invoke for the Christian?

4. God's holiness is not a comfortable thing. Reflect upon areas of your life that are not in line with God's standard. What steps can you take to constantly have God's holiness in view?
